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NAZIS FILTERING INTO BULGARIA: BRITISH PREPARE TO EVACUATE

Special to the "Telegraph"
SOFIA, FEB. 25 (UP).—IT IS REPORTED THAT GERMAN STAFF OFFICERS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE ENTIRE TOWN OF TCHAM KORJA, 64 MILES FROM SOFIA. THE TOWN INCLUDES ABOUT 200 VILLAS.

SENATORS SOUND WARNING

In Aid Britain Bill Debate
Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (UP).—"The loss by capture or destruction of the British fleet would place upon the unprepared United States the sole and complete responsibility for the defence of the Western Hemisphere," asserted Senator Warren Harbison regarding the Lend and Lease Bill to-day, in which he urged that everything possible be done to help Britain survive.

Senator James J. Murray warned that a Hitler victory would mean the end of free enterprise and lead to totalitarianism, Communism, or Socialism.

Senator Murray said the Rome-Tokyo-Berlin Axis threatens the United States both in the Atlantic and the Pacific, adding, "should conflict occur in the Pacific, we might very well experience the desperate necessity of securing aid from other friendly countries just as we now propose to aid Great Britain, Greece and China."

Decisive Month For Britain

September, Says Walter Citrine

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—September will be the decisive month, said Sir Walter Citrine, British Trade Union leader, broadcasting to-night.

Sir Walter, who has just returned from an extensive tour of the United States, said that by September British and American production of aircraft would exceed German production. The American aircraft industry he said, is expanding at an incredible rate.

Last July 78,000 men were employed in American aircraft factories and at the present moment 250,000 were employed. By next June the number would have increased to 500,000.

The American people were deeply impressed with the justice of the British cause. There was no hesitation or doubt about whether the British were right in resisting Nazi aggression.

Paris Bandits Kill Bank Messenger

VICHY, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Firing in all directions in the crowded heart of Paris, bandits escaped to-day with 3,700,000 francs after holding up three bank messengers who were taking a hand cart containing the money to the Banque de France.

Japanese Naval Delegation

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—A Japanese naval delegation under Vice-Admiral Nomura arrived in Berlin to-day, says the official German news agency.

Butler Reveals Truth Of Mediation Offer

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, was asked in the House of Commons to-day to state the precise terms of the Japanese offer of mediation.

Mr Butler declared: "In a recent communication to Mr Eden, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, after referring generally to the European war, observed that Japan was fully prepared to act as mediator or to take whatever action was calculated to restore peace and normal conditions not only in Greater East Asia, but anywhere in the world."

"The Japanese Foreign Minister, in subsequent public statements (made,

Meanwhile, diplomatic quarters asserted that the British Legation has started burning confidential documents and has begun the evacuation of British women and children—a precaution against the expected German entry.

The British Minister, Mr Rendel, asked when diplomatic relations would be broken with Bulgaria, replied when it was decided that German infiltration had become actual occupation.

LEFT IN COLD



M. Laval

FRENCH CABINET

Laval Is Still Outside

VICHY, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The official list of the reorganised Vichy Government is published here to-day.

Under Marshal Petain, there are five members with the rank of Minister—Admiral Darlan, Vice-President as well as Minister for Foreign Affairs; Interior and Marine; General Huntziger, War Minister; M. Joseph Barthelmy, Minister of Justice; M. Bouthillier, Minister of National Economy and Finance; and M. Caziot, Minister of Agriculture.

General Berget is Secretary for Air, acting under Admiral Darlan. Government departments have been regrouped into 15 secretariats headed by secretaries serving under one of the five above Ministers.

Nazi Planes Shot Down

R.A.F. In Action Over French Coast

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—While carrying out an offensive between Calais and Dunkirk one squadron of Spitfires shot down three Messerschmitt 109s and damaged another. They saw a formation of Messerschmitts at about 6,000 feet and immediately attacked. One of the pilots reported that the enemy dispersed right away and general dog fights broke out at various heights.

Earlier Report

Two enemy aircraft were destroyed and several others damaged during an offensive sweep over the Channel this afternoon by Coastal Command aircraft escorted by fighters.

One British fighter is missing, according to the official announcement.

Shipping off the French coast was attacked.

Navicerts and Licences

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—All outstanding navicerts and export licences for Rumania were revoked when Italy entered the war, declared Mr Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, when questioned in the House of Commons to-day.

At this time, he added, Rumania was already passing under German economic control. No goods had, therefore, been allowed to go through the British controls to Rumania since last June.

Asked for an assurance that similar treatment would be meted out to other countries likely to be drawn into the German orbit, Mr Dalton indicated that the Rumanian precedent might usefully be followed.

Nazis Waiting

SOFIA, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Although the Germans are believed to have made preparations down to the most minute detail to attack Greece through Bulgaria, observers in Sofia think that they may hold their hand for a few days in the hope of news of Italian successes in Albania.

The weather, however, is unfavourable for a German move. Frequent rainstorms have left the road unsuitable for heavy traffic.

Advance In Eritrea Continues

CAIRO, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—British Imperial troops in Eritrea are continuing their advance south of Cubub where, in an action on February 23, 400 prisoners and three guns were captured.

A British G.H.Q. communique also reports the successful development of operations in Italian Somaliland forward of the Juba River.

On other fronts, no change is reported.

Aerodrome Bombed

CAIRO, Feb. 25 (UP).—R.A.F. bombers attacked the aerodrome at Addis Ababa on Monday, doing considerable damage to the aerodrome and buildings. The R.A.F. also attacked the fuel dumps at Nefasi, east of Asmara.

LATEST

INDO-CHINA

Japan Wants Thai Demands Granted

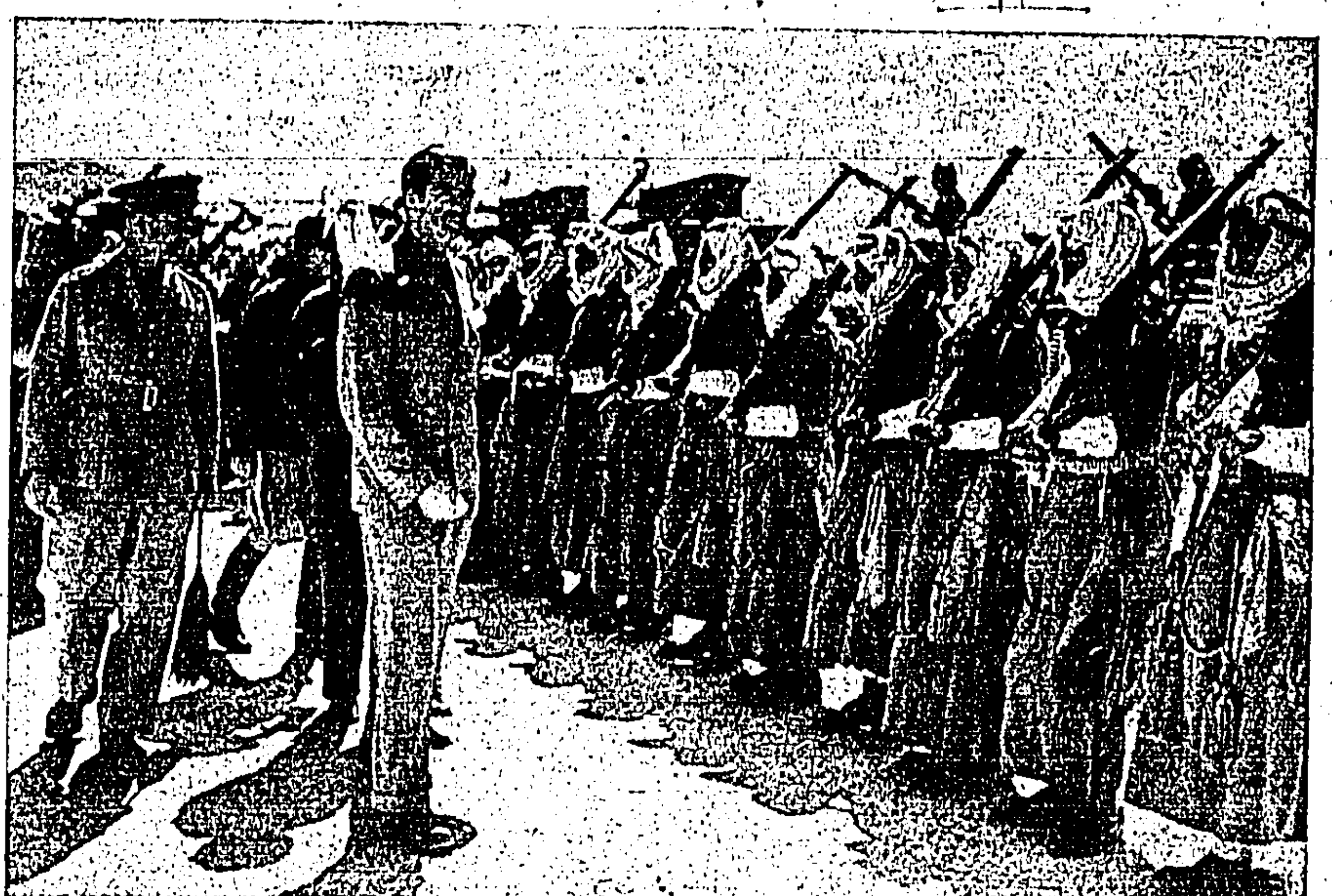
TOKYO, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Japan has submitted a compromise proposal in an attempt to break the deadlock in the negotiations between Thailand and French Indo-China, according to well-informed Japanese quarters who indicate that the "proposal will be Japan's final offer in the current negotiations."

The land to be closed to Thailand should "historically speaking, belong to Thailand," state the Japanese.

The Japanese official news agency, "Domei," issues a warning against "interference by Third Powers who wish to see the Tokyo Peace Conference and its failure" and adds: "The Japanese Government is keeping a close watch on the situation."

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Foreign Secretary On Important Mission



Mr. Anthony Eden, Britain's Foreign Secretary, accompanied by General Sir John Dill, is now engaged on an important mission to the Middle and Near East. This picture was taken during Mr Eden's previous visit to the Middle East. It shows him inspecting a unit of the Arab Legion.

Italians Lose Half of Their First Line Warplane Strength

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—Speaking at a luncheon given by the English Speaking Union to-day, Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Secretary of State for Air, claimed that 1,000 Italian planes, one-half of Italy's first line strength, have been destroyed in the Mediterranean area.

He claimed that 90 German dive bombers were destroyed in three days in January when a mass attack was launched on Malta.

Italian Commander's Claim

ROME, Feb. 25 (UP).—The morning newspaper "Messaggero" published a report to-day from General Felice Porro, Commander of the Fifth Air Squadron, which Mussolini last Sunday announced had been sacrificed almost entirely in the North African fighting.

The report, dated February 5, when General Porro left command of the squadron, claims that in eight months of war, the squadron destroyed 228 British planes. The Italian casualties were 130 killed in combat, 200 wounded, 180 lost and 15 taken prisoner. British air actions downed 95 Italian planes in battle and 75 on the ground.

R.A.F.'s Slogan

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—"Hit the Germans in Germany"—Lord Trenchard's slogan for the R.A.F. in the last war—is still the R.A.F.'s slogan, said Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, speaking in London to-day.

A spirit of offensive dominates the raiding and fighter arm carrying the war across the Channel with offensive sweeps.

Britain is strongly reinforcing the defences of trade routes and her attacks on submarine bases and aerodromes from which four-engine bombers have preyed on British shipping are meeting with success.

Emphasising the determination to bomb the Germans in Germany, Sir Archibald said that Britain grudged every bomb dropped on France, Belgium, Holland and Norway.

Many wrecks around the enemy's coast testified to the usefulness of the highly dangerous skilled work of aerial minelaying.

At the beginning of the Battle of Libya, Britain had the right to feel misgivings that the Italian air force outnumbered the R.A.F. three or four times.

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Insurance for Every British Householder

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Every householder in Britain will receive free compensation from the Government up to £200 for air raid damage to clothing, furniture and other household goods under the new Government Free Assurance Scheme, outlined by Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons to-day.

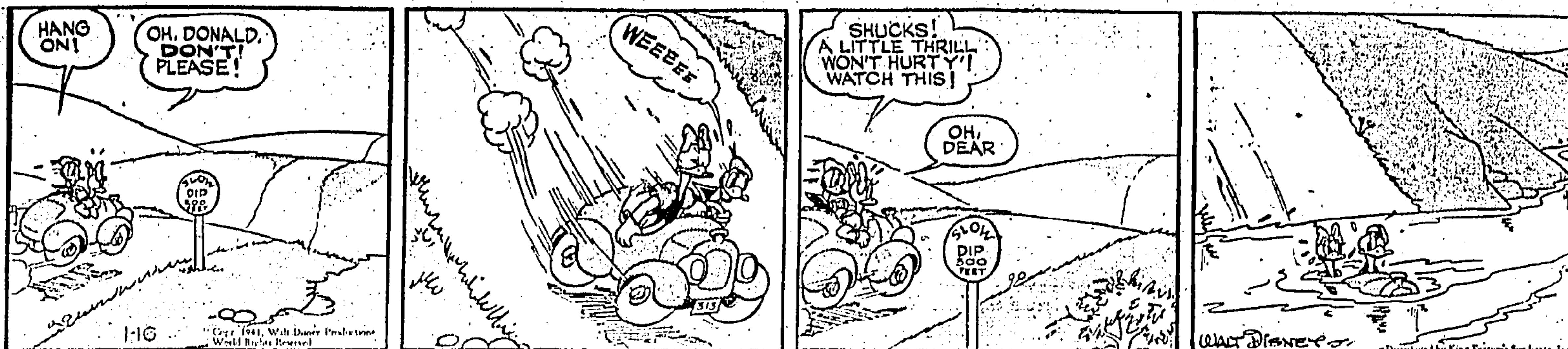
Up to another £100 free compensation will be paid for the wife and £25 for each child.

In addition to these free grants, it is proposed that people should be able to insure at low rates, namely one per cent. up to £2,000; one and a half per cent. from £2,000 to £3,000; and two per cent. from £3,000 to £10,000.

Those living in hotels and lodgings will get free compensation up to £50. Details of the scheme will be laid before Parliament.

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STRUGGLE FOR OIL

By Morgan M. Beatty

WASHINGTON. — The major key to the next phase of the European war may be a three-letter word. It's "O-I-L."

Whether the Axis powers concentrate on the British Isles, or Gibraltar or Suez, or all three, the long range planning behind their military and diplomatic manoeuvres

and German high commands at Innsbruck, Austria, a revival of the often discussed threat against Gibraltar. For that way also leads to precious oil — the oil of the Western Hemisphere.

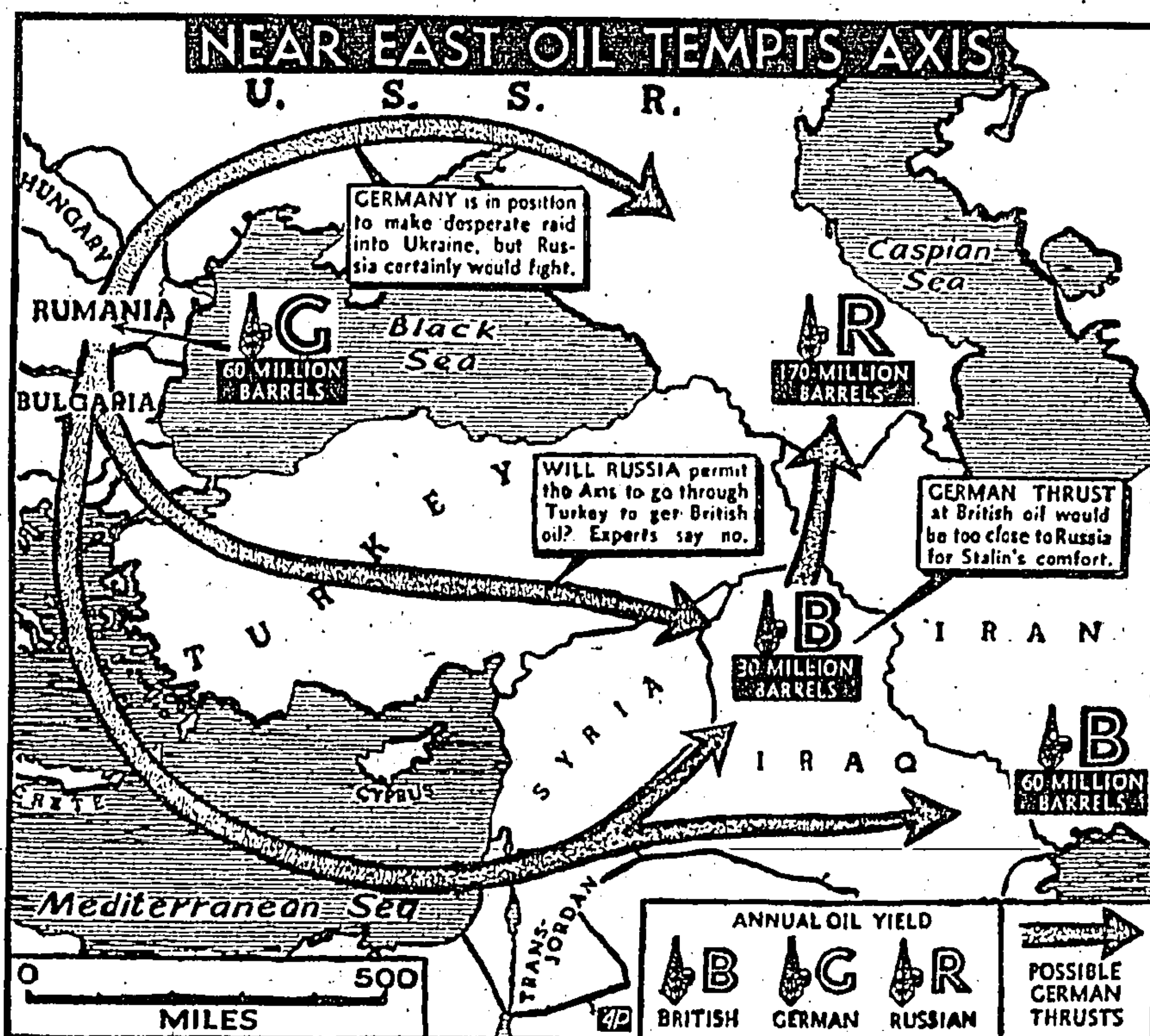
Why the push for oil?

Most military experts and economists agree that it takes about 200,000,000 to 300,000,000 barrels of oil a year to run the Axis war against the

affairs in this country, Russia would object to the presence in Iran or Iraq of sizeable German forces.

It is an open secret that the Russians have been extremely jealous of their great oil resources.

The Russians well remember the British attempt after the World War to move into Baku, the heart of the Russian oil fields. A gesture from the Russian army put a stop to that.



RUSSIA owns the best oil fields within striking distance of the Axis powers. A German thrust at British-owned fields in Iran and Iraq, observers say, would be objected to by Russia because of fear the Nazis wouldn't stop there.

may be forced upon them by the coming thirst of their industrial and war machines for the stuff that turns the wheels of modern nations — petroleum.

That's the view of some Washington economists, who suspect that the Axis' problem at this time is oil rather than food. Not that it's giving out any time soon. But it must look ahead, now that it's failed to make quick work of Britain.

For instance, the economists suspect recent German-Russian negotiations were concerned, not with a new or intensified partnership, but with a German scheme to syphon oil from the Near East, or even Russia herself.

Similarly, the statisticians also see in the military meeting of the Italian

British. But assuming both Italy and Germany have built up reasonable reserves, they cannot hope to replenish their supplies from the lone big oil field in their possession — the Rumanian. At best this area could give them only 60,000,000 barrels a year.

Maybe they can squeeze out another 15 million barrels from shale and coal. But that's much less than half enough oil for a year of Axis warfare.

The nearest additional oil for the Axis is in the Near East. The British fields in Iraq and Iran produce close to 100,000,000 barrels a year under forced draft. And that's just about what Germany and Italy need in addition to what they have.

Hence the attempted drive through Greece. That could open up the eastern end of the Mediterranean.

Next best would be to persuade Turkey to join the Axis, and get permission to go through that country, and thus reach precious oil.

If they should let the Germans through, could they expect Hitler to be as easy to oust in case of victory against the British, as were the British themselves after the World War? Hardly possible. Opinion here is that the Russians would not allow any power any closer to their oil than the British are in Persia now.

The next best bet for the Axis would be oil from the Western Hemisphere, if not from the United States, from the Latin American producers, such as Mexico and Venezuela. That entails an attack on Gibraltar to open the way for Axis ship, or a route through North Africa.

Standing in the way, in either event, is the United States, and the 21 American republics, sympathetic to the British, and capable of intensifying their aid to the British Empire.

All of this adds up to the fact that mighty Russia and the mighty United States, both now at least non-belligerent, stand in the way of lubrication and power for the Axis war machine.

But the Axis must sooner or later seek oil in one direction, or the other. Which way will it turn?

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

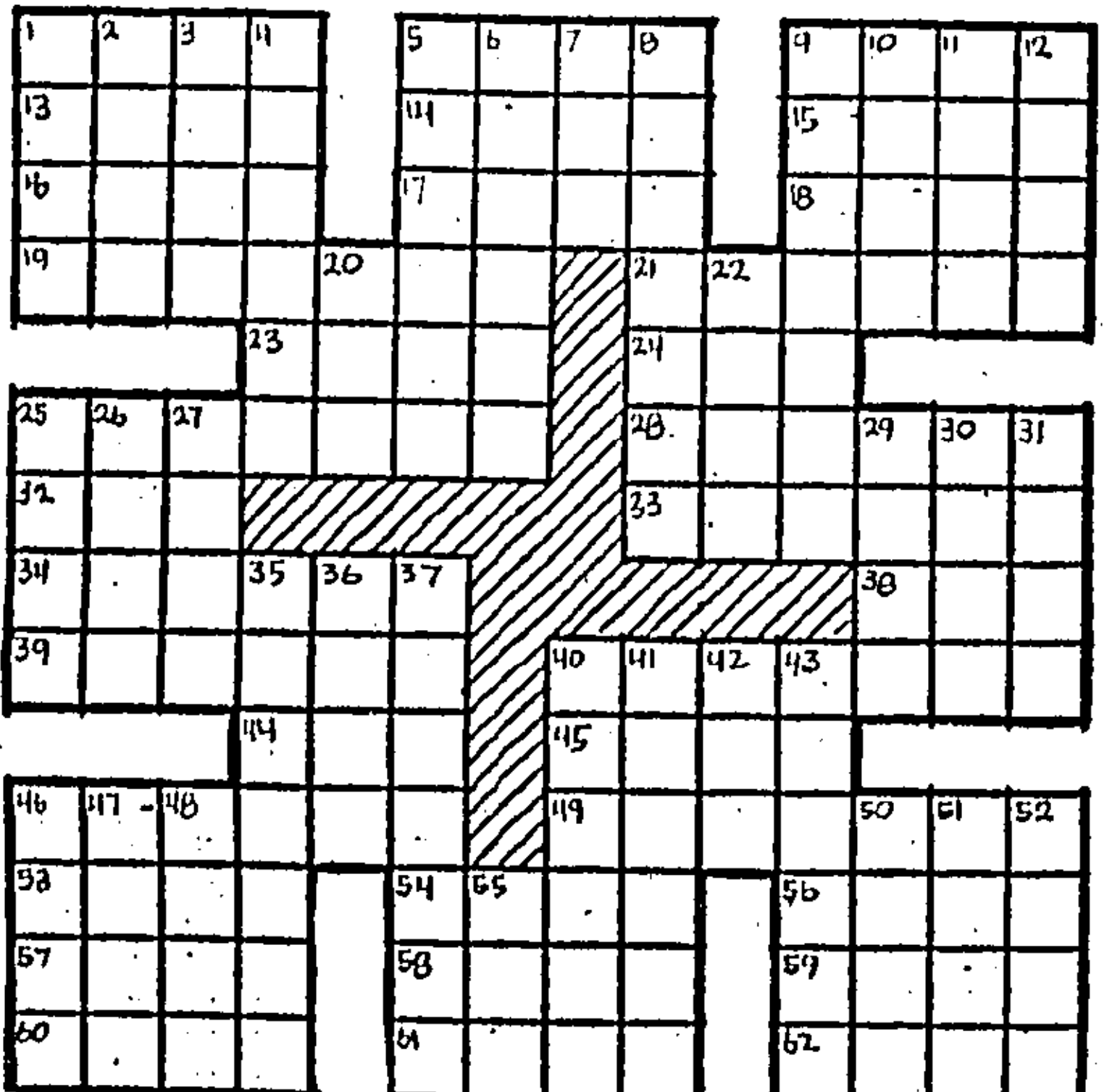
ACROSS

- European mountains
- Female horse
- Strong-box
- Food
- Dutch cheese
- Did formerly
- Combining form
- Individual
- Mother of the gods
- Small ornament
- Daughter
- Minor legal officer
- At all times
- Italy war
- Round of small ball
- Went rapidly
- Black currents
- Come up
- Unburn
- Natural vigor
- Loosest and frank
- Man's name
- Person's creative
- Musical shows
- Madman
- Petals
- Unlabeled
- Contrasted
- Circular plate
- City in Alaska
- Sign of future event
- Man's name

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- Team of two
- Throws rocks
- Combined
- Side to
- Girl's name
- One forth
- Extend opposite to
- On the ocean
- Brand
- Departure from main current of thought
- Former capital of Burma
- Latin poet
- Season seat
- Extraordinary
- Plying toy
- Shakespearean king
- Harvest
- Palm in principle
- Others
- Unborn
- Daughter of Herodias
- Harvest
- Heavily pruned
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- Female deer



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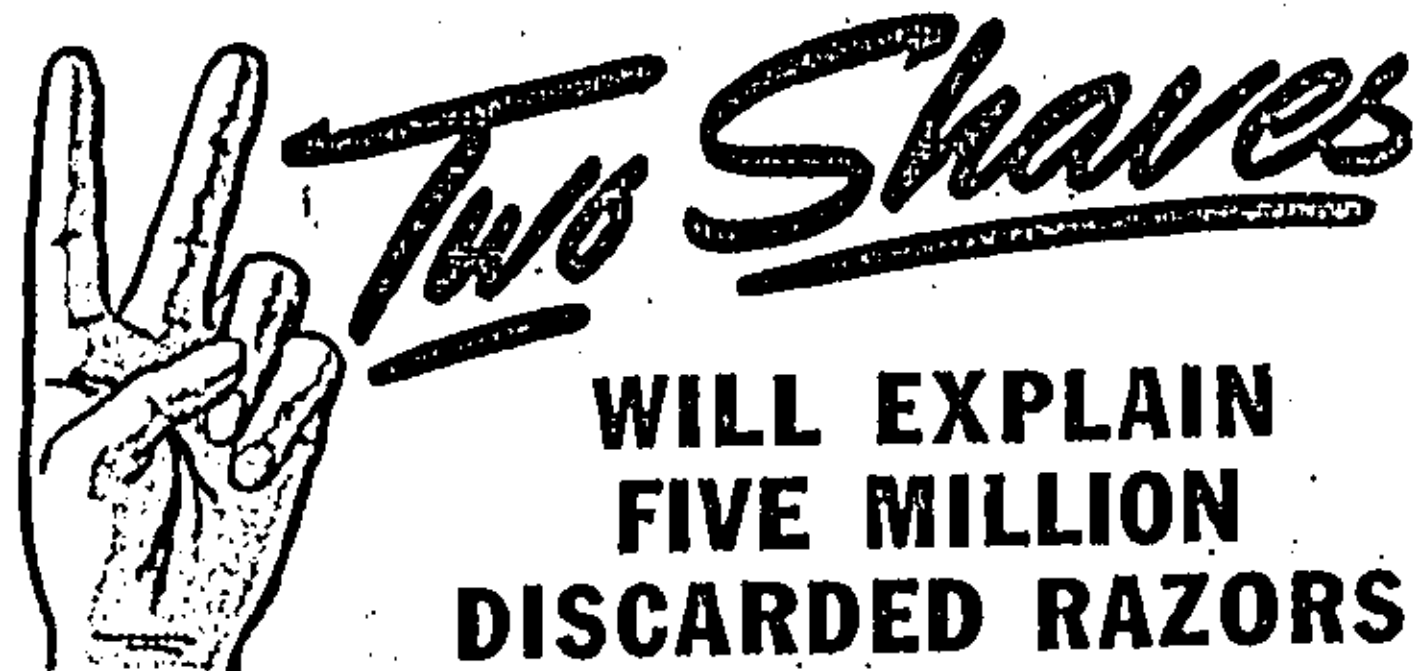
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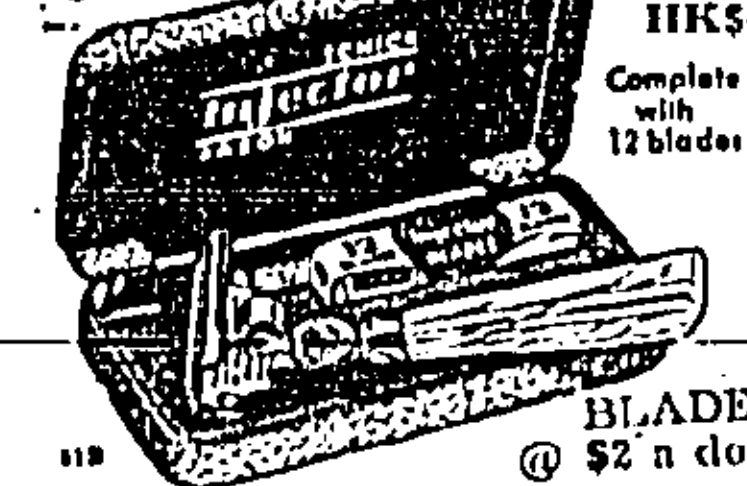
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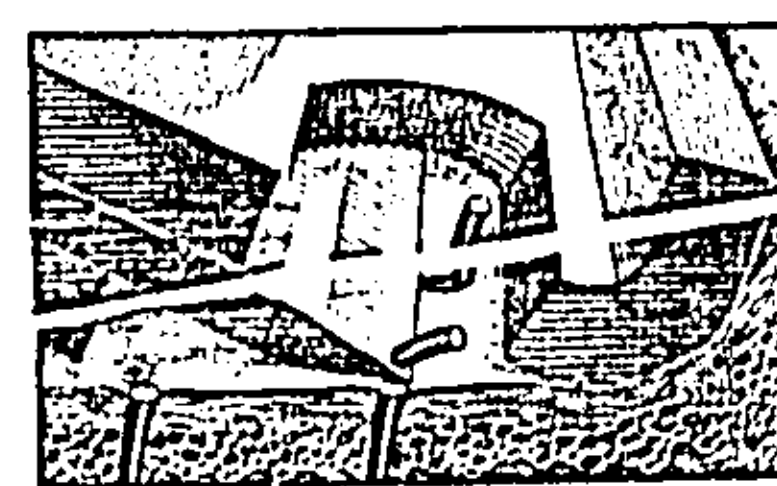
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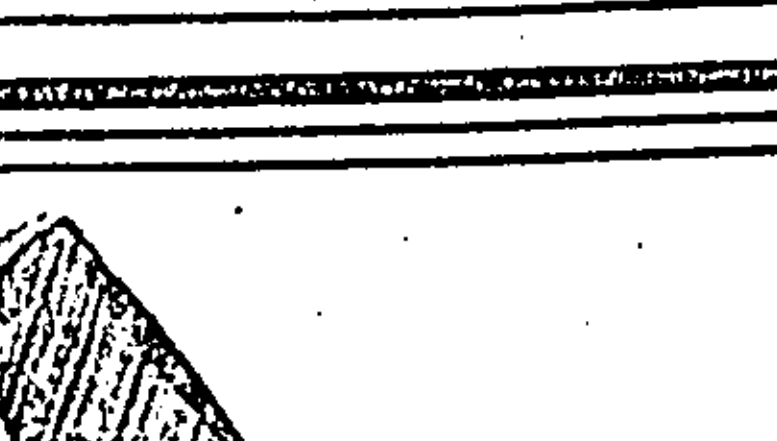


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THREE SPEECHES

During the last few days there has been an overflow of words from Messrs Matsuoaka, Mussolini and Hitler. What they have said can do nothing to shake the belief of Britons in their cause and in Mr Churchill, their leader, but what they omitted to say confirms studied observations of weakness and vacillation in the enemy camp.

Hitler said nothing to force another Japanese declaration of policy against the democracies. Does he feel that he has pressed that fervent and worried nation too much already and that over-zeal may cause her to withdraw from the collaboration which both sides have verbally embraced? It would seem so, especially since Germany still has not recognised Nanking, an act which would cut her off from Free China but would give the Japanese much more confidence in their support of the Axis. Russia too, escaped mention. Hitler and Stalin probably understand each other better than any two statesmen in power to-day despite the fact that they have never met. Between those two, acts alone count; words have been spilled too freely.

Hitler's confidence in his terror-striking devices to suppress resistance within his own orbit is shown by his admission of fanaticism, which the Oxford Dictionary defines as a state of being filled with excessive and mistaken enthusiasm. He boasts that he has discarded and persecuted reasonable people because he wants a nation filled with homely love of a common object, the Fatherland. It would seem that the false hopes he implanted on his countrymen—that Britain would not fight, that the war would be over in a year, that Britain would be occupied, that Berlin would never be bombed—are coming home to Germans and that now, having committed them to the struggle, the Fuehrer is striving to carry them along with him blindly on his own inspiration backed by reiteration that such a course is the only one left.

Mussolini did face the truth. Like Churchill he has promised his countrymen toll and sweat but unlike the British people, the Italians can see no reason for accepting this unpalatable diet. They can only see that they will not retain their pride and independence of race. If Germany wins because already they have taken their place alongside the oppressed Czechs, Poles, Norwegians, Dutch and Danes in Nazi factories, not in the sullen role of slaves as yet, but as the humiliated and impoverished cousin consigned

Hongkong is to have another Black-out exercise, commencing this evening. The Black-out is becoming a subject of great controversy among the war experts. You know most of the arguments in its favour—so, here, one of its most distinguished opponents presents the case against it.

★

THERE is a tendency in most of us to accept without question any environment, good or bad, to which we are accustomed.

In earlier days, for example, a shocking infant mortality or the hanging of human beings for sheep stealing was accepted without question until someone asked—Why?

In a period of four years before the war a road casualty list of 25,000 dead and 700,000 maimed was accepted with resignation, as though such wholesale slaughter in peace time was an inevitable adjunct of modern transport.

So to-day, when we are told that we are all "in the firing line," millions are crouching in an inky darkness that can almost be felt—and they are doing so without a thought of questioning why Hitler's crack-brains must be endured in Stygian gloom.

FOUR QUESTIONS

But if anyone will ask his neighbour, "What is the use of the black-out?" he will certainly get no satisfactory answer.

Does the black-out stop bombers finding London or the other big cities?—No.

Does it stop the bombs falling, or exploding?—No.

Does the gloom and stillness accentuate the din of the guns, the crunch of the bombs, the flashes and fire-reflection in the sky, and thus the nerve-racking effects?—Yes.

Does the dismal darkness impede salvage and rescue work, and the locating of time-bombs?—Yes.

In view of these four simple and sensible questions, and their inevitable answers as given, ought we not to ask ourselves, and the black-out champions in Whitehall, what purpose this dangerous and depressing black-out serves?

Last winter, when the air attack was in suspense, the attempt to represent the black-out as a safety measure for the civil population, for which it was originally designed, was abandoned.

Sir John Anderson, when faced with questions in Parliament, fell back on the plea that the black-out would

to mental labours in the castle of her overlord.

Mr Matsuoaka it appears, has made a blunder. He made an approach which was withdrawn before it could be grasped. He made a suggestion of mediation without inspiration, justification or sincerity. With Britain angered at the crass boasts of southward expansion at any cost, America plunged into defence by Tokyo's avowed intention of supporting Axis policies, Mr Matsuoaka has little to show on the credit side of his short term.

Only another political "crisis" can affect a substantial change in Japan's direction and although Prince Konoye may stay at the helm, more by virtue of his silence than his sentiments, it would appear that the next move in Tokyo is more likely to be internal than external.

Is the Black-Out Any Use?

By Captain Bernard Acworth, D.S.O., R.N.

prevent "aimed bombing" against military objectives such as railways.

But our own bomber pilots, over an even blacker Germany—if anything can be blacker than Britain!—reach blacked-out Berlin unflinchingly and, by the light of their great parachute flares, bomb their military objectives unerringly.

EXPLODED!

Sir John Anderson's sole justification for the black-out, planned and organised by the Civil Service before the war, has thus been exploded by war experience.

Indeed, the reason recently given for continuing, and deepening, this monstrous gloom was that "the people" would not tolerate the re-lighting of our cities.

In other words, the Black-out officials, who do not include Mr Churchill—who said he was ordering the re-lighting of the streets—are trying to shift the responsibility from their own shoulders to those of the long-suffering public.

But if the wit of man can find no technical justification for this unnatural gloom, it takes little wit to detect technical reasons for abolishing it.

LIGHT V. DARK

The spirit of man shines in the light and wilts in the dark, as anyone can see who watches the unconcern, indeed the enthusiastic interest, of the man-in-the-street when bombers are overhead in day-light.

But, apart from this widely recognised fact, powerful artificial light, if cunningly used, is a shield against bombs, or gunfire, rather than a snare.

On several occasions our own bomber-pilots have broadcast that German searchlights impeded their operations more than the barrage—and anyone who, at sea, has been compelled to face a searchlight beam can readily believe that.

A high Air officer, with years experience of flying over lighted cities, as well as blacked-out ones, recently emphasised to me that the powerful flares with which our own pilots, like the Germans, illuminate their target areas are rendered more illuminating against the opaque background of the black-out.

Furthermore, in this blackness human-beings can do nothing but crouch and shrink.

With light at our command we could use it very effectively as camouflage, and great open spaces, such as the London parks, could be converted into traps for a large percentage of London's bombs.

WORK SLOWED

So much for the technical case against the black-out.

What of its consequences on our war effort?

Its effect on transport and communications is known to all of us.

Work in aircraft and other factories, and in business gener-

ally, is handicapped through the transport slow-up.

Shopkeepers, and particularly the small ones, are hard-hit, and many have been ruined. Thousands who depend for their livelihood on providing innocent and necessary entertainment are in desperate straits.

In short, the black-out harms and hinders every business, except looting. The smash-and-grab man's smashing is now done for him, so he need only grab and disappear in the black-out.

Partly because of this, Bureaucracy is now actually threatening us with a curfew at 9 o'clock.

Before the arrival of the noisy bombers, silent road casualties due to the black-out were soaring. These, it is true, have decreased since the Luftwaffe cleared the streets, and for this life-saving activity we have to thank Hitler.

But the black-out was not invented to co-operate with Hitler in saving thousands of lives on the roads, and it would not be tolerated for a day longer if this

was given as an excuse for its continuance. It is now being claimed, and with some justice, that the impenetrable gloom is forcing us all back to a quiet life at home, or in tubes and basements, and that, in this respect, good is being extracted from evil.

But here again the black-out is performing a service—if it is a service!—which has nothing to do with the purposes for which it was invented.

The fact that the German black-out is richer and deeper than our own is sometimes cited as an argument for its retention, and its deepening, here.

BE NATURAL!

But why should Britain copy Hitler?

Would it not be a portent of victory, and a gesture of contemptuous challenge, if, having sent the "non-belligerent" section of the populace into quiet and safety in the country, the rest of us who claim to be "in the firing line" showed our disdain for Goering's Luftwaffe by lighting up at least London?

And I do not mean lighting it up with a few anaemic street-lights.

I am talking about the heavenly ward directed beams of our cities' natural brightness!

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE...

WE MEET THE IRON DUKE

To-day's extract from the diary of a journalist-turned-soldier describes how he ceases to be a recruit and becomes a full-fledged soldier.

WE have passed out. We have been tried in the furnace, and found passable. Slick of hair, scoured of hand, attituded like ballerinas, tricked up in our best battle-dress, we picked our dainty way over the damp grass to the grey square, and awaited the C.O.'s Inspection.

Rough weather and the strain of perpetual shouting have coloured his face cyclamen-red. His brasses gleam like eyes: his eyes gleam like brasses.

He has the unmistakable air of the Sergeant-Major: the man who knows exactly what is what.

He looks at us as if he would eat us—if only he didn't dislike the look of us—and speaks.

"If you're in any kind of trouble," he says, "come to me. We'll see what we can do to help."

"Now you're going to start some real training. Right. Do your best. That's all we ask."

"Work hard and behave yourselves, and nobody'll interfere with you. Play up, and you'll get trod on."

"Nobody's going to lead you about like sheep here. Every man will read the Detail in the morning, and look after himself."

"Every man will go about cleanly and properly dressed. After duties, you may go out. Every man will keep within bounds and behave like a gentleman."

"I should be sorry to see any man in my Company who didn't give his seat in a bus to a lady or an old person, or who didn't help an old person or a lady on to a bus."

"Remember, you're soldiers now and are expected to behave as such. Be courteous. Muck in and help one from another."

"Now go and make yourselves at home. And remember always—if all he has ever hated the sight of."

At his order we slope arms. He says three words: "Tut, tut, tut," and calls upon his Miss!

We turn right. He names a Biblical character, and raises his eyes to heaven.

"The sergeant-major," he says, "is going to have a word with you. Be outside the office in ten minutes. When I say ten min-

The Lad from the Elephant blinks twice and mutters: "E seems to be almost 'uman'."

The Kid from Widnes, sticking his name-plate on the drab wall over his bed, says: "Somebody lend me a tag!"

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CANADIAN FOOD FOR BRITAIN

Canada's value to Britain as a granary is seen in arrangements for the coming year which call for deliveries of 425,600,000 pounds of bacon and 112,000,000 pounds of cheese.

At the beginning of the war, Canada shipped 321,200,000 pounds of bacon and 90,000,000 pounds of cheese to Britain, a current monthly report of the Royal Bank of Canada discloses.

Production of farm animals, wool, poultry, and dairy products was valued in 1939 at \$445,724,000, making up 38 per cent. of the entire value of agricultural production in Canada.

Purchases by Great Britain indicate that the marked stimulus the industry has already received from war orders will continue. The industry also provides the raw materials for many others, and forms the basis of Canada's third largest manufacturing industry—meat packing.

Livestock Increase

The semi-annual survey of livestock on Canadian farms on June 1, 1940, showed increases in all the principal categories, the Royal Bank's report shows, and it is anticipated that by the middle of 1941, the number of Canada's livestock will be the greatest in the history of the Dominion.

The report also deals with minerals listed as "critical materials" by the United States Army and Navy Munitions Board, second only in importance to "strategic war materials."

Canada, the report claims, is the leading world producer of three of these minerals, asbestos, platinum and nickel. Canada produces all the nickel required for industry on this continent. Asbestos in required quantities for automobile brake and clutch linings is also available.

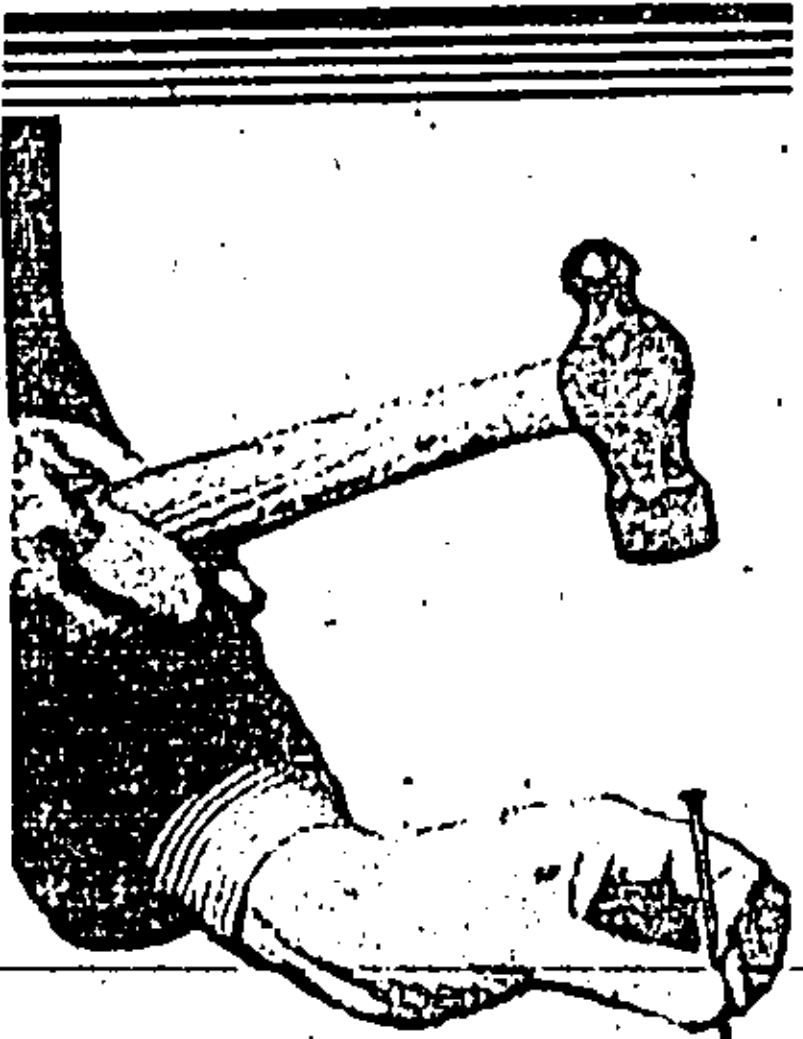
Shares Rise At School

Shares in Britain's smallest company run by children at a school in Market Rasen (Lincs)—are rising steadily on the school stock exchange.

Recently, the company finished distributing dividends of 150 per cent., largest ever for a British firm.

The children subscribed £10 in shilling shares to go into part-time business as bee-keepers.

The company sold £28 worth of honey last year.



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'BRITAIN MUST TELL JAPAN'

Pierce Goebbels' Smoke Screen

Imperturbable Viscount Hsankira Kano, London manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank, spending a business-as-usual honeymoon at his office after his marriage to a Japanese doctor's daughter, told a metropolitan reporter that Britain needed a "loud-speaker" to find her friends.

"Dr Goebbels," he said, "has sent such a thick smoke screen round the world that even my countrymen are blinded. They are only just beginning to hear of your victory at Taranto. It has been smothered by German propaganda."

"Feeble" Efforts

"Your propaganda is feeble. They are only just beginning to realise in Japan that Hitler's invasion of Britain has failed."

"It is Great Britain herself who has driven Japan into the arms of the Axis. The Japanese people are still your friends—but they want to know that you are not going down."

"We have had three years of war in Japan—not the sort of war you are waging here—it is more like a colonial war."

"Its economic effect on the people is just beginning to come to the surface—and now their difficulties are increased by the British control of imports and exports."

"But the Japanese are your friends."

Tell Them!

"Tell them what you are doing. They know Hitler was going to be in London in July, August, September, October. They just begin to realise he is not there yet."

"Tell them about your victory at Taranto. Tell them about your air victories in the Battle of Britain. They do not know. They are blinded by the smoke screens of Dr Goebbels."

"I predicted many months ago that last Easter would be the turning-point of the war. I think, in many ways, it was."

"But in Japan a fortune-teller predicted that Hitler's star would rise and rise until September, and the star of Britain would go down and down and down. And then there would come a change."

Britain Must Win

"I am not a star-gazer. I form my judgment on a study of economics. I know Great Britain must win."

"But January or February your food supplies will suffer. This warfare against your ships in the Atlantic is serious. You will not go short of essential foods, but you will begin to know you are fighting a war."

"But you must pierce this German smoke screen that is going round the world. You will realise, then, who are your friends."

Want Looters Shot On Sight

Members of the Home Guard in a North London district are so indignant at the prevalence of looting in their district that they are to petition the War Office, through their Commander, for the right to shoot looters on sight.

Mr S. Coppins, who with a friend, Mr Reginald Harrison, is organising the petition, said:

"We are convinced that drastic measures are necessary to put an end to this ghastly crime. Up until now we have been limited to writing letters about stealing from bombed houses if they know that they are likely to incur the risk of being shot without warning."

American Census Rankings

Rankings of the major American cities changed little under the 1940 census, the Census Bureau in Washington reports.

The first ten cities were: New York, 7,454,995; Chicago, 3,390,808; Philadelphia, 1,941,334; Detroit, 1,504,277; Cleveland, 978,335; Baltimore, 859,100; St. Louis, 816,048; Boston, 770,016; and Pittsburgh, 671,059.

These were the same ten cities at the top of the list in the 1930 census, and the rankings were the same except that in the decade Baltimore took seventh place away from St. Louis.

IDENTIFICATION BY THUMB-PRINTS

CHICAGO, Feb. 16 (UP).—Thumb-print identification of all Indianapolis pawnshop customers is leading to numerous arrests, including many of known criminals, and recovery of much stolen property, according to a report to the International Association of Chiefs of Police.



NEW CONSTITUTION — Thousands witnessed ceremony in Panama's national stadium, when new constitution was adopted. President Arnolfo Arias is shown at ceremony with Justico Carlton L. Lopez of Supreme Court at left.

Nazis Shoot Own Men Attempting to Escape

Observers in France who have been able to transmit abroad an account of what they have seen and heard, are unanimous in reporting that the morale of the Nazi troops of occupation has considerably worsened.

"The German soldiers are sick of the war and want to go home," states one observer, who was in actual contact with them. There is the greatest reluctance to leave the Paris area for that of Arras, the chief centre for the preparations against Britain.

This observer adds that the Germans themselves speak of revolts in this devastated district of Arras and of men having been executed for attempting to escape training duty for invasion.

The popular belief is that such malcontents, after being shot, are cremated in mobile crematoria brought from Germany.

"The officers," he continues, again after personal contacts, "now say that the war cannot be won, but that Germany must make every effort not to lose it."

Gold Bought Up — Another account confirms the efforts being made by German officers to buy up gold and foreign currency. They are willing to pay as much as 1,200 francs, nominally over £7, for a gold "Louis," worth about 32s in London, and 150 francs, 16s 8d, for a dollar note. Gold watches and trinkets have all disappeared.

German officers try to find people going to Lisbon or Switzerland to take these valuables with them and deposit them there until happier days. They would at once be impounded if they were sent to Germany, where no gold object has been obtainable for four years.

From a Frenchman living near the Italian frontier comes the report that he has watched trainloads of guns and other war material passing over to the Italian side.

"Nothing," he says, "is left for the French army to fight with. Even sentry-boxes have been taken into Italy by the hundreds." This leaves out of account, of course, the spate of similar material which has poured into Germany in far larger quantities.

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THE DUCE FEARS ASSASSIN

Mussolini, haunted by the fear of assassination, has ordered the Ova, Italy's Gestapo, to double his bodyguard.

Special detachments of sharpshooters escort the Duce everywhere and guard him day and night.

Monarchists, soldiers and politicians, who openly criticised Mussolini for entering the war, now condemn the way he is conducting it.

Palace Plotters — Thousands of these opponents have been arrested, among them princes. Throughout Italy revolutionary groups are secretly meeting in cellars, palaces, and in working men's homes to overthrow the Fascist regime.

Italian morale is waning. Mothers hate the man whose vanity has caused their soldier sons' deaths.

In a desperate bid to counteract this spirit Mussolini has ordered his Fascist Group Leaders to start a campaign for the uplifting of national morale.

Pony Saves Maharaja

The remarkable story of a pony which saved the life of its master is recalled by the death in India of the Maharaja of Kolhapur.

Wealthy and one of the most progressive of Indian rulers, the Maharaja used to tell how once, when he was out pig-sticking, a bear, with a spear through its body, charged his pony.

The spear went through the pony's neck and as it reared the Maharaja was thrown and could not get up. The pony in spite of its wound, stood over him and kicked madly at the bear until his injured master was rescued.

Pony Fretted — Two days later the Maharaja was told that the pony was fretting and had refused medicine and food. He was carried to the stable, and the pony, realising that his master was alive, immediately allowed itself to be fed and eventually recovered.

The Maharaja, who was 43, and who died after an operation, was at school at Eton as a young man. He was well known in the horse-racing world.

ITALIANS GIVE UP CANS

ROME, Feb. 16 (UP).—The government may compel Italians to turn in used tin cans at food shops when they apply for canned goods, the newspaper "La Stampa" reports.

GALLANT APPRENTICE ON SHIP

Blazing Tanker Brought Home

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).

A young ship's apprentice, who suddenly found himself second in command aboard an oil tanker left blazing by a German raider and who played a prominent part in navigating the ship safely to port without books, instruments, charts or compasses, has been awarded the British Empire medal.

The apprentice, John Lewis Jones, was aboard the tanker, San Demetrio, which formed part of the convoy for which the auxiliary cruiser, Jervis Bay, sacrificed herself last November.

The tanker was hit and abandoned, but after a night of heavy gale, 16 members of the crew, including Jones, reboarded their ship although she was still burning furiously.

Gas-Filled Room

Jones took part in the hard fight that ensued to subdue the flames, and then volunteered to enter the gas-filled pump room in order to re-start the machinery.

The official account declares that this young apprentice showed spirit, courage and resourcefulness throughout and proved an admirable second in command.

A number of other members of the boarding party have also received awards.

U.S. Exports Restriction Again Extended

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).

The expert system has been extended under a proclamation issued today by President Roosevelt to beryllium, graphite, electrodes and aircraft.

The order becomes effective immediately.

A similar proclamation to become effective on March 10 will apply to belladonna, atrophine, sole leather and bell.

Vital Defence Links

The Senate Naval Affairs Commission has approved the authorisation of credit amounting to \$242,373,500 for improvements on the islands of Guam and Samoa.

The naval spokesman, Admiral Merrill, declared that these and other improvement to a number of bases leased from Britain were "absolutely vital to the defence of the United States."

Indians In Indo-China Restricted

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Orders valued at approximately £81,000,000 were placed by the Indian Council of State Supply Department between September 1, 1939 and January 1, 1941, it was announced in the Council.

At question time a Government spokesman said that remittances from Indo-China to India are not being allowed by the Government of Indo-China. The Council will ascertain the exact position in the matter of remittances and will take steps to remove any difficulties that might exist.

Regarding the general position of Indians, the spokesman said that no special representations were received suggesting the necessity for issue of special instructions to the British Consul at Saigon.

Prisoners Study For Professions

British prisoners of war in Germany are studying to become doctors, dentists, surveyors, and lawyers, says the "Evening Standard."

British organisations are negotiating for the prisoners to be allowed to sit for examinations while they are in Germany.

Text books are being sent to the men by an Oxford organisation and by members of various professions in Britain.

Examination papers will be posted to prisoners, collected, and sent back to Britain.

Jews Aid War In Many Ways

More than 80,000 Jewish and 60,000 Jewish women have volunteered for war service in Palestine, Dr. Nahum Goldman, President of the World Jewish Congress, said recently.

He added that 6,000 Jews are fighting with British forces in the Middle East. Of these 1,200 are in the Royal Air Force.

The World Zionist organisation is negotiating with the British Government for the formation of a Jewish unit for the defence of the Middle East, he said.

Recent British victories over Italian forces eliminated a possible threat to the Suez Canal, according to Dr. Goldman.



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Court Told How Two Men Did Housework

A MAN told Mr Justice Hilbery recently that he handed over nearly all his money to a friend with whom he shared everything, and even had to ask for money to buy a collar-stud.

The hearing in the King's Bench Division was of a dispute over the ownership of a house, in which the two men lived.

Mr William James Jones, suing as the administrator of the estate of his brother, Mr John Wingfield Jones, of Bellevue Road, Wallasey, Cheshire, claimed from Mr John Hogg, of Poolsford Road, Colindale, Hendon, possession of a house in Poolsford Road, and for the return of furniture there, or £320, his value.

The estate was stated to be worth about £2,000.

Did The Cooking — Mr Hogg's defence was that he and John Jones pooled their resources, sharing everything "fifty-fifty," and that he was entitled to a half share in the property.

In evidence Mr Hogg said that he and Jones met household expenses jointly. They shared the same room and slept together.

Before they had a house-keeper Jones used to do the housework and cooking.

"He had a womanly touch which enabled him to do this efficiently," said Hogg. "I used to do the general repairs and the garden."

Told Of Hidden Will — Mr Hogg said that after Jones's death he inquired as to whether he had left a will, because everything was in Jones's name. He was told that Jones had hidden one underneath the oilcloth in their bedroom.

Mr Eric Neve, K.C., for Mr William Jones: You say you handed Jones nearly all your money. When you wanted a pair of socks, a tie or a collar-stud, did you have to ask Jones?—Yes, that was the position. He did not make me feel humble; I knew I was entitled to it.

Hogg (who married John Jones' half sister) said that Jones was very fond of her.

"I cannot say he approved our engagement. I knew it would upset him because we were such pals," he added.



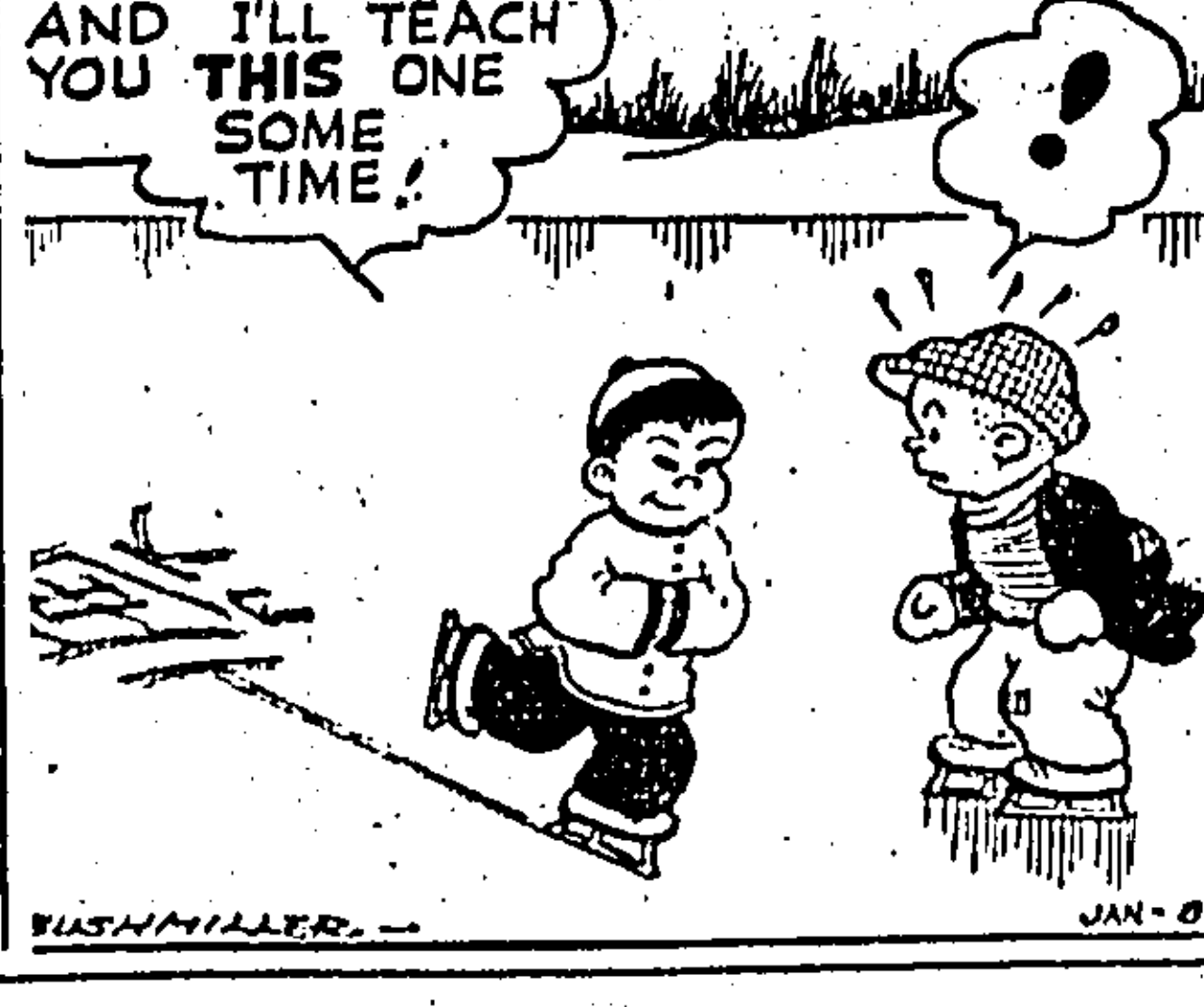
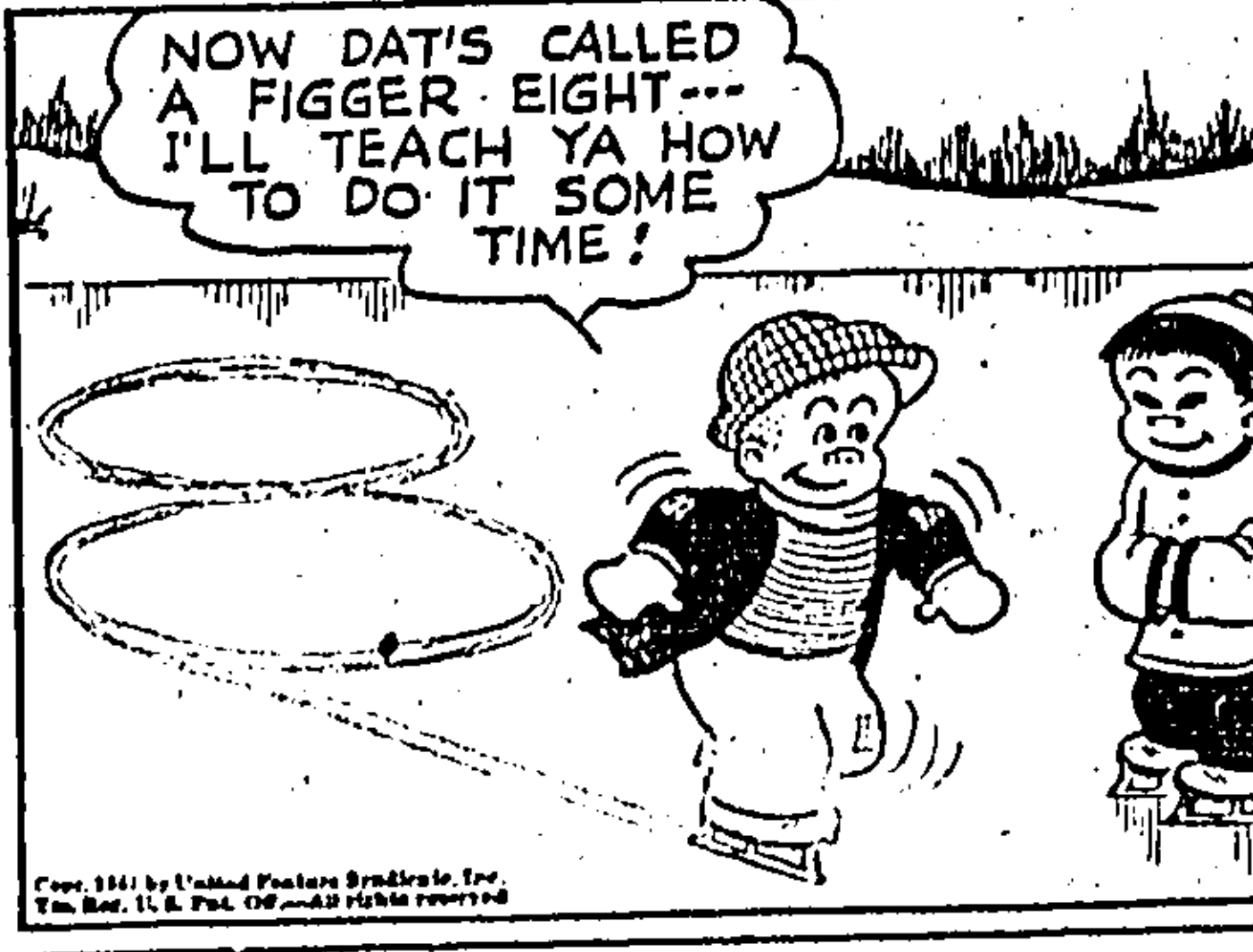
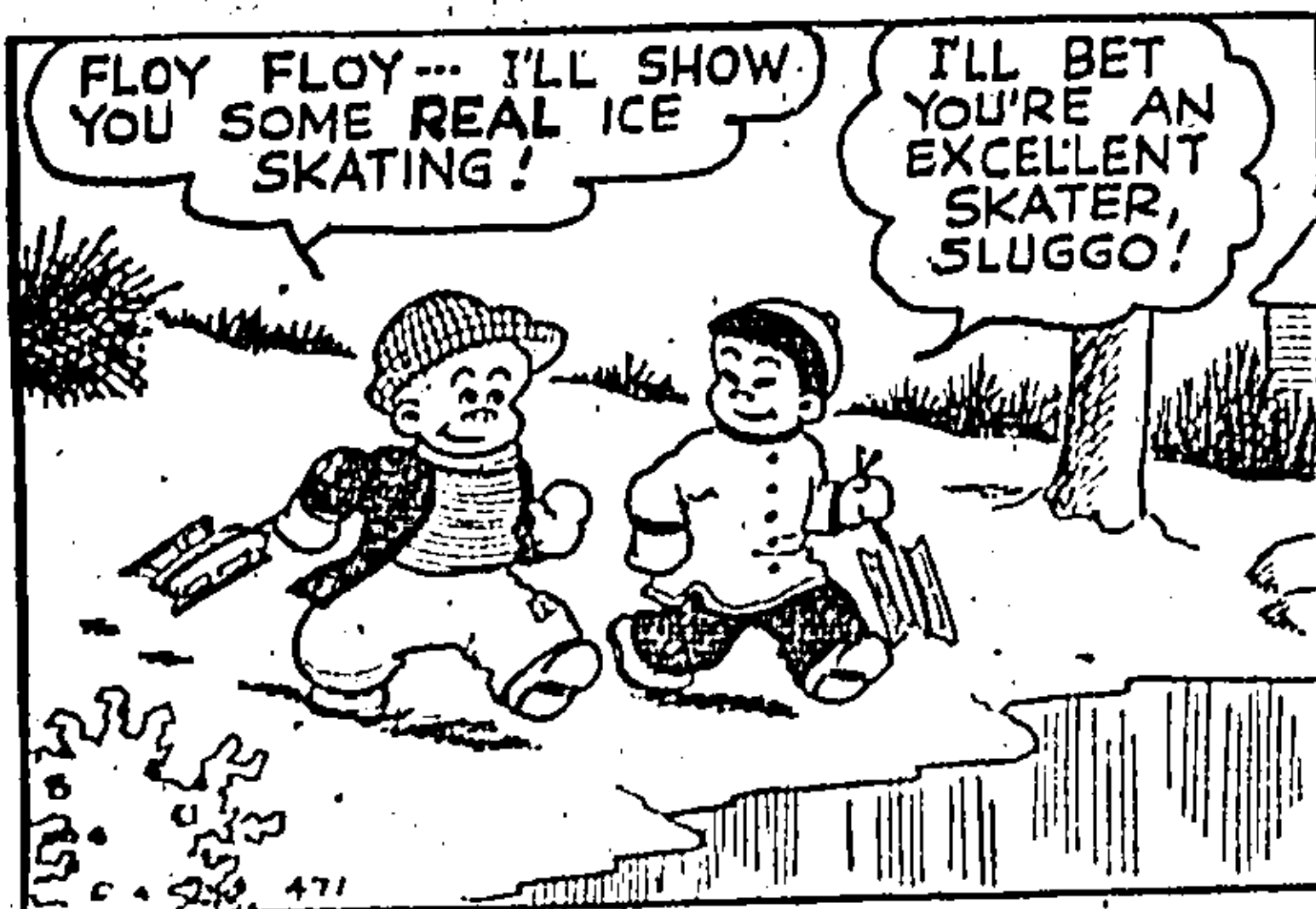
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Appeal For Recruits For Police Reserves

Speaking in Chinese last night in a broadcast appeal, from the local studio, for more men to join the Hongkong Police Reserve, Dr S. W. T'ao said:

To-night I am going to tell you something about the Hongkong Police Reserve Force. The idea of having such a Force constituted was the outcome of the great strike which broke out in the Colony in 1925 when a Chinese Special Constabulary was organized to help the Police in coping with the emergency. At that time I was appointed by the Government to be Chinese Labour Controller working in conjunction with Mr Young of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, the Chief Labour Controller, and I took responsibility over this Special Constabulary Organisation. When the trouble was over, this Special Constabulary was disbanded, but its members kept together and expressed to me their willingness to become Police Reservists. I thought this was a good idea, inasmuch as Hongkong had little emergency at once instead of calling up Special Constables at a moment's notice. I was requested to approach the Hon. Mr E. D. C. Wolfe, then the Inspector General of Police, on the subject, and Mr Wolfe completely agreed with the suggestion.

Discussions took place as to what the powers, duties and status of the new Force should be, and when these were clearly defined and agreed upon and approved by the Government, the Police Reserve Ordinance of 1927 was passed. Thus the Hongkong Police Reserve Force acquired its legal status. In the meantime, the Chinese Company had already been formed and was ready to function, and I was appointed by the Government the Honorary Commissioner thereof. Starting with this Chinese Company, the Indian Company was soon to follow and then the Flying Squad and the Emergency Unit. These four units are, at present, the contingents of the whole Reserve Force, which is under the direct control of the Hon. Commissioner of Police, and its services have been greatly appreciated by the successive heads of the Police Department.

Increase of Population
During the past three years, the population of this Colony has been increased enormously, some say, by nearly one million. With this sudden and abnormal increase in the population, the responsibility of keeping peace and good order in the Colony falls very heavily upon the shoulders of the Regular Police. Although the strength of the Reserve Force has increased considerably since its inception, the present number is not considered sufficient to cope with any emergency which may arise under present conditions. A further increase of another five hundred men is deemed necessary, and the Government has now authorized this increase, and directed that such increase should be made mainly in the Chinese Company.

As the Honorary Commissioner of the Chinese Company, I consider it my bounden duty to see to it that this order be carried out, and carried out quickly, as every man who is enrolled in the Force must undergo various courses of training before he can be expected to perform his duties efficiently.

In order to facilitate recruiting of new members for the Chinese Company, I deem it advisable to make known our needs to the public, especially to the Chinese community, by way of an appeal, and I have obtained permission to do so by broadcasting on the radio a few words to urge our young Chinese to come forward and join the Reserve Force. Chinese Mainly Affected

In doing so, I would like to place before them the following facts:
1.—The population of this Colony consists of more than 87 per cent. Chinese. Should any disturbance break out, the Chinese community would suffer most.

2.—To help in keeping and maintaining peace and good order in the Colony is the duty of every good citizen. The Chinese, being the largest section of the community, should take the largest share or part in performing this duty, as it really means the protection of their own health and home and their business and properties.

I feel sure that the Chinese fully realize the above facts and are anxious to come forward and do their bit. But what they may not know is that the Chinese Company is having a recruiting campaign or how to get themselves enrolled. Now I will tell them. If they will call personally at the Police Reserve Chinese Company's Headquarters on the first floor of Prince's Building, No. 5, Ice House Street, or at the Chinese Company's Club on the first floor of Pedder Building, Pedder

Street, they will be supplied with application forms and directed as to how to fill in such forms. After certain inquiries have been made, their applications will be submitted to the Hon. Commissioner of Police for approval and enrolment. When their applications are approved they will be informed. Procedure subsequent to enrolment will be explained by notice.

Not Beneath Dignity
There may be some who, on account of their abilities or position in life, feel that it is *infra dig.* to act as a common Chinese Constable. Here, I must tell them an incident which I know of my personal knowledge. During the emergency in 1925, Mr Justice Comptz, our late Puisne Judge, stood guard over the Supreme Court as a Special Constable. Many notable, too, in the Colony acted in the same manner. One should realize that to render a service to the public is an honour in itself.

One more point I would like to mention here. In giving to charities, there is a saying that "He gives twice who gives quickly." Similarly, one who renders his services promptly gives his services a double value. Please therefore, gentlemen, come quickly and join the Police Reserve Force. Take your proper places under the sun as good citizens, and prove yourselves true and worthy sons of Canton wherever you may reside.

I would also like to add my appeal to heads of all business firms, both European and Chinese. Many Chinese are employed in your firms as clerks. Please encourage them to join up and give them every facility for training. As time is pressing, training must commence as soon as they join the Force. The present arrangements for training start at 4 p.m. and last for a week subject to change. Any intelligent man can pass all his tests within two weeks. After the training is over, he may be called up to perform active duty by the Hon. Commissioner of Police. Generally these duties do not interfere much with office work, except when an emergency actually occurs. In that case, of course, even office work may have to be suspended.

I earnestly hope that heads of firms will give our Force this most valuable help. With these few remarks, I bid you all good-night.

Price of Firewood Controlled

Following rapidly on the appointment of a Firewood Controller, the Government has fixed the price of firewood locally, and a Gazette Extraordinary issued yesterday afternoon declares that the maximum price at which, until further order, firewood may be sold in the Colony is \$1 for 40 catties.

As already announced, a large shipment of firewood has arrived from Borneo, and it is understood that further shipments are on the way to Hongkong.

The price of firewood on February 10, just a week ago, reached the record local price of \$1 for only 17 catties. A few weeks ago the price was 22 catties to the dollar, and then rose to 19 and later 18 catties for a dollar.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday, says: The market continues neglected.

Buyers
Bank of East Asia \$70
Canton Ins. \$215
Union Ins. \$411
H.K. Pines Ins. \$170
Providents \$5.75
Lands 4 1/2 Debentures \$97.50
Tramways \$27.50
Lights \$0.15
Sellers
Hotels \$3.00
Humphreys \$7.05
Realities \$3.40
Trams \$17.75
Sales
Electrics "O" \$41.75/50

St Andrew's Church Meeting

Election Of Officers

Mr A. C. Jeffreys and Dr K. H. Uttley were elected representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Church of England in the Diocese, at the annual meeting of St Andrew's Church last night. The Rev H. A. Wittenbach, Acting Vicar, presided.

Mr Jeffreys was also elected Vicar's Warden and Mr G. S. P. Haywood People's Warden. The income and expenditure account showed a balance of income over expenditure of \$11.50. Messrs T. A. Martin & Co. were re-elected auditors.

After Miss N. Elliot, of the Church Social Centre, had given a short talk on the Centre's activities, Mrs M. Bird was elected the Church's representative of the Centre. The proposal of Christ Church for a joint Church magazine set by up Christ Church, St Andrew's and St John's was discussed and it was decided that as far as St Andrew's was concerned there was agreement in principle, but the matter had yet to be further discussed with the Council of St John's.

In his report, Mr Wittenbach said:

"Since I commenced duty in the Parish only on January 2, I cannot be expected to make a report on the work of 1940. I have therefore, invited the secretaries of the various organisations connected with St Andrew's to present reports.

During 1940, 180 services were conducted on Sundays and Holy Days and there were weekly services of intercession in connection with the war. There have been 2,635 individual acts of Communion. In spite of the large number of people evacuated, this is only 195 below last year."

"These represent the services of the Church. I trust, however, we shall be clear in our own minds that all our parochial activities, our clubs and organisations, are equally our avenues of service through which we are a city set on a hill and our light must shine forth to enlighten the darkness that surrounds us. We must shine forth to brighten the darkness that surrounds us. We commence three nights of black-out to-morrow. God grant that His light in us at St Andrew's may never be blacked-out."

It was decided that the reports of the organisations be printed in the next issue of the Church's magazine.

The following were elected for the Church Council: Messrs A. H. Dibbs, H. Dorrner, G. S. P. Haywood, A. C. Jeffreys, C. Mathews, D. Ramsay, E. W. Sharp, E. C. Thomas, G. Phelps-Gardiner, T. G. Gould, Dr Joyce, Dr S. G. Kirkby-Gomes, Miss E. Gibbons, Dr K. H. Uttley, Miss W. Robinson.

Diocesan Conference.—All Council members with the exception of Messrs H. Dorrner, G. S. P. Haywood, A. C. Jeffreys, C. Mathews, D. Joyce.

Money For Bomber Fund

A total of \$1,505,078.60 was reached yesterday for the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:

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Planter Killed In Flying Accident

The death is reported of Mr H. F. Stilwell, of St Leonard's Estate, Port Dickson, as a result of a flying accident near Kuala Lumpur early this month. Mr Stilwell was a member of the Kuala Lumpur Flying Club and a keen flyer. The machine crashed five miles outside Kuala Lumpur town.



EYE SAFETY—British girl wears these rubber and metal goggles to shield her face from flying shrapnel fragments. She can close large eye-holes and still see her way through slits.

Bitter Conditions In Albanian Operations

I DID not fully realise how bitter the Greek-Italian war is until I walked across the Klisura battlefield to take these messages to the nearest telegraph office across the Greek frontier, writes a correspondent of the Sydney "Daily Telegraph."

Italian dead were sprawled out in mud, amid scattered heaps of cartridges, rifles, and wrecked machine guns.

At one end of the battlefield torrential rains had swept scores of bodies into a heap against some trees.

A ravine I crossed was choked with the bodies of men.

The Greeks are able to move their dead, but in disordered retreat the Italians leave everything.

I came on one fine-looking, bearded Italian who, I thought, was alive. He seemed to be smiling at me. Showing his fine teeth. But his eyes were so full of pain that I was puzzled to see him smile. He was just one of the men who, according to the Italian Foreign Minister (Count Ciano), was going to take part in a triumphal march through the streets of Athens.

Plans—And Reality
Plans for this march have been found on several dead officers.

The plans even show where the various units were to assemble for the great entry into Athens.

Count Ciano is reported to have had a special Greek "Governor's uniform" made for himself.

But this man's body was a symbol of the reality—Italians dying vainly in the bitterest campaign in history.

The Italians know they are no match for the Greeks in mountain fighting, where driving snow, mud, and murderous ascents make warfare a hideous experience.

The Greeks have performed miracles in transporting supplies and guns over these mountains.

Every man is fighting and working fanatically for a freedom threatened by a cowardly aggressor.

Greeks Go Upwards
Night overtook me as I descended the mountains, slipping and sliding in mud which at times reached the mule's belly.

In the sleet and snow I had finally to abandon the mule. Yet all through this difficult descent I passed endless lines of Greek soldiers toiling upwards.

There are no railways in this part of Albania, few roads, and little motor transport.

All these men had been walking many miles daily for weeks, with the worst of it all at the end.

I floundered for eight hours in a pitch-black night storm.

Guns—mostly Greek—were booming all the time.

In a deep ravine about midnight I heard a familiar half-raising whistle. Then came a deafening bang and a blinding flash right ahead of me, nearly knocking me down.

Italian shells came over in intervals of five minutes. I was sure one would get me, but the track bent away to safety.

I walked with a number of wounded Greeks, and slept for a while under the scanty cover of a tent-fly.

All night the cavalcade of marching heroes went by while I shivered with a high fever. They were better men than I.

Air Marshal Speaks Of U. S. Planes

By everything he didn't say, Air Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, the man responsible for the eight guns of the R.A.F.'s Spitfires and Hurricanes, criticised the armament of U. S. war planes, reports Leonard Engel in "PM."

Sir Hugh, who looks more like a schoolmaster than the tough-minded customer who headed Britain's home air defence until a few weeks ago, studiously refrained from direct criticism. He had warm words of praise for U. S. planes in general, for their navigating and blind-flying instruments and for their bomb sights.

Too Few Guns
But every time he was asked "how about their guns and armour?" he started a lengthy discussion of the intricacies of guns and armour plate in general. He implied that guns are too few on the American planes and armour plate not adequate—exactly what Ralph Ingersoll reported on his return from London.

Asked directly whether U. S. planes were seeing first-line action over England, Sir Hugh replied that every one of our craft was being used in the job for which it was best suited.

He said that the Lockheed-Hudson bombers were "outstanding"—after each plane had had a gun turret added to give it protection aft—and that the R.A.F. would continue to use them in coastal patrol work.

Present At Taranto
A Glenn Martin bomber, he said, was present at the British raid on Taranto—photographs of the raid were taken from it. He said he didn't believe any American planes were used in the attack.

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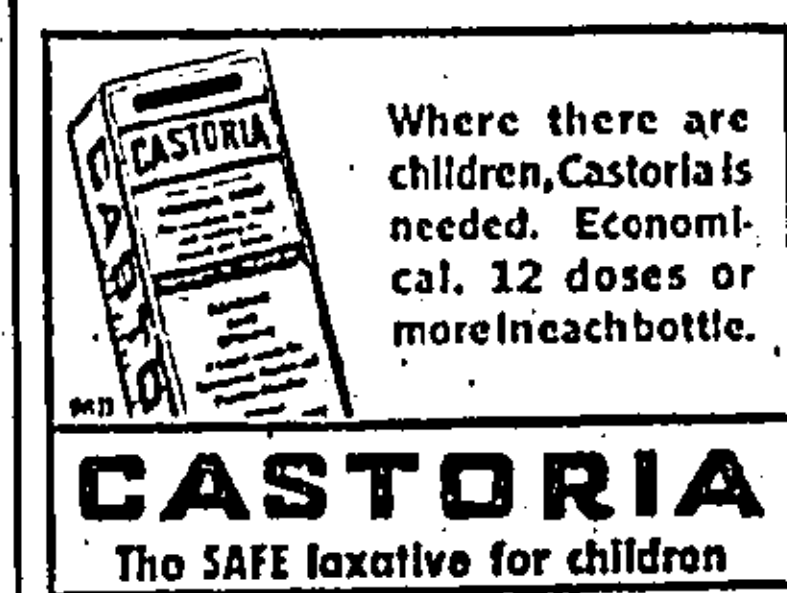


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Free China's Feeding Problem

Chiang's Exhortation

CHUNGKING, Feb. 25 (Central News).—A total of 63 resolutions aiming at the increase of food production, adjustment of supply and demand, and improvement of food administration, was adopted at the National Food Conference which was closed to-day after having been in session for five days.

The Conference was presided over by Mr. Lu Tso-fu, Director of the National Food Control Bureau.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was present yesterday and he urged the delegates to exert their best efforts to solve the food problem.

Dr. P. Z. Kiang, Director of the National Health Administration, spoke on the essentials of food nutrition and entertained the delegates with refreshments prepared on a nutrition formula.

The Conference voted a resolution of tribute to Generalissimo Chiang and also dispatched a message of comfort to the rank and file at the front.

Less Rice, More Planes

Refugees Go Hungry

KWEILIN, Feb. 25 (Central News).—Some 3,000 war refugees of the south-eastern provinces now stranded in Kweilin abstained from food to-day and saved about N.C.\$1,000 which they contributed to a fund for the purchase of a gift plane to the Government. The money was handed over to the Kweilin Office of the military Affairs Council for remittance to Chungking.

Meanwhile, the refugees in Kweilin have issued a circular telegram urging their comrades in distress in other places to respond to the fund-raising campaign in a similar manner.

Winant Leaving For England

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Mr. John G. Winant, the new U.S. Ambassador to Britain, has reserved a seat on the clipper scheduled to leave for Lisbon on Thursday, Pan-American Airways announced to-night.

Kind of Peace

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has no idea which Mr. John G. Winant, the new United States to Great Britain, may take to London concerning the kind of peace which could be established after the war.

Making this statement at to-day's press conference, the President added that the first job was to win the war.

Soviet Defence

MOSCOW, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—A heavy increase in defence expenditure was announced by the Finance Commissar, M. Overev, to the Supreme Council of the U.S.S.R. Parliament to-night.

The estimates amount to 70,000,000,000 roubles compared with 57,000,000,000 roubles last year and still under 41,000,000,000 roubles in 1939.

Rumanian Elections

BERLIN, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—General Antonescu, Premier of Rumania, announced to-day that a general election will be held on March 2, according to a Bucharest dispatch to a German news agency.

GIFTS FOR CHINA

MELBOURNE, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Australian Red Cross is sending £10,000 and £15,000 worth of goods to China in response to a request for assistance.

Italians Lose Half of Warplane Strength

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to one, but the R.A.F. was so successful that the Italian air force never played an effective part.

Sir Archibald also spoke of the effective work in East Africa of South African and Rhodesian squadrons.

Losses Over Malta

Since Italy's entry into the war, Malta was continually attacked from the air but the people's spirit was unshaken and R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm fighters had driven back and vanquished the Germans and Italians alike.

There were three gruelling days in January when a mass German attack was launched on Malta. The enemy lost 90 dive-bombers and it was some little time before they returned. The enemy morale was visibly affected.

The R.A.F. in Greece with the Greek air force had pounded the enemy. In the Italian theatre, the R.A.F. the Royal Australian Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm had done greater damage to German and Italian production than the enemy had done to Britain's war effort.

The Air Minister promised heavier blows yet in the coming months. "We shall see whether during the next 12 months, the bombs which destroy German factories and communications will not also shatter the faith of the German people in Adolf Hitler," he said.

Heavier Blows

The Air Ministry and the Ministry for Aircraft Production were devoting their energies to defeating the night bomber. No immunity from night bombing was possible and as the weather improved the Germans must be expected to resume their attacks on a greater scale than ever. They would fall again and no risks would be refused by the pilots to make the attacks progressively more costly.

"The people of this country," he declared, "will not suffer alone. Our blows will fall faster and harder on the enemy."

Over 1,000 Italians

The South African Air Force and the Rhodesian squadrons have destroyed more than 1,000 Italian planes since Italy's entry into the war. This is additional to the German planes destroyed in the same theatre.

Leaving out account of the monthly output, that was half the first-line strength with which the Italian air force entered the war.

The policy regarding Germany was to hit where it was most effective. Hence, Hamburg was bombed 82 times, Cologne 55 times, Mannheim 35 times, and on 35 occasions the R.A.F. had ridden through winter storms and fogs to Berlin.

The British people were heartened in the "blitz" by the prodigies of valor and skill of British bombers, which are growing in numbers, range and power.

"Don't forget that they travel three times as far to Berlin and back as the Germans have to travel to London," Sir Archibald concluded.

No Secret Debate

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Asked in the House of Commons to accord a secret debate on the basis leased to the United States, Mr. Clement Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal, gave an unequivocal "No" and added that Mr. Churchill had no intention of acceding to such a request—a statement which was received with cheers.

Exports To Japan

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Captain Oliver Lyttelton, President of the Board of Trade, was questioned in Parliament to-day on British exports to Japan in the last 12 months. Captain Lyttelton declared that during the period of war no licences had been issued for exports from Great Britain to Japan of war materials as such.

Netherlands Rubber Stocks Japanese Trade

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BATAVIA, Feb. 25 (Dome).—Mr. J. H. Rittman, publicity director for the Netherlands East Indies Government, on Monday confirmed that the Japanese-Dutch economic negotiations are going on smoothly.

He told Japanese correspondents that the talks probably would last another two weeks.

Consul-General Mr. Yutaka Ishizawa on Monday twice conferred with Mr. J. W. Hoogstraaten, Commercial Director of the N.E.I. Government. Among various economic problems at present facing the Netherlands East Indies the question of the shipping bottleneck loomed large to-day. Accumulated rubber stocks awaiting shipment to various ports in America have increased to 10,000 tons during February bringing the total to 25,000 tons. This has caused local rubber prices to show weakness despite higher quotations in New York.

FREIGHT RATES INCREASED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (UP).—It is learned that the Far East Conference has voted to raise outward freight rates on a long, general cargo list, by approximately 25 per cent. effective on April 1.

Previously, the homebound tariffs from the Orient were increased by 25 per cent. Other long distance rates were also increased including West Africa, and northbound from the east coast of South America.

Pope's View Of Current War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 25 (UP).—Giving audience to a group of priests, the Pope said that the current war had resulted in a disbelief of God. "The people need to know God and the tremendous current of events has been almost the nemesis of their disregard for God and a test with which God wants to recall humanity to the faith. Christ is too little known and loved," His Holiness declared.

Willkie Ignorant About Invitation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 25 (UP).—Mr. Wendell Willkie to-day said that he had no knowledge of an invitation to visit Australia. He asserted that he had been out of touch with his office adding, "I know only what I read in the newspapers."

Weather permitting, Mr. Willkie will fly back to New York to-day.

Alfonso's Condition Again Critical

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Feb. 25 (UP).—Intimates revealed that ex-King Alfonso suffered another attack this afternoon and his condition is again most critical.

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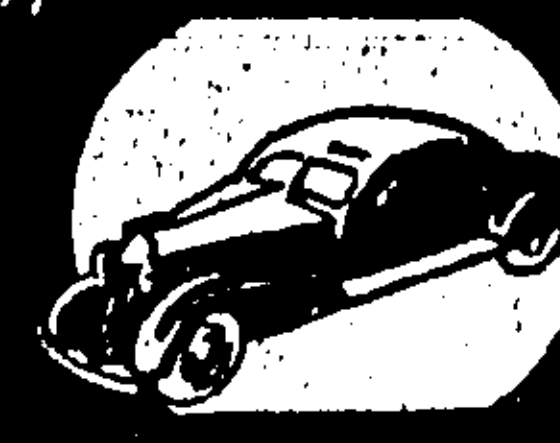
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Special to the "Telegraph"
SOFIA, FEB. 25 (UP).—IT IS REPORTED THAT GERMAN STAFF OFFICERS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE ENTIRE TOWN OF TCHAM KORJA, 64 MILES FROM SOFIA. THE TOWN INCLUDES ABOUT 200 VILLAS.

SENATORS SOUND WARNING

In Aid Britain Bill Debate
Special to the "Telegraph"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (UP).—"The loss by capture or destruction of the British fleet would place upon the unprepared United States the sole and complete responsibility for the defence of the Western Hemisphere," asserted Senator Warren Barbour regarding the Lend and Lease Bill to-day, in which he urged that everything possible be done to help Britain survive.

Decisive Month For Britain

September, Says Walter Citrine

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—September will be the decisive month, said Sir Walter Citrine, British Trade Union leader, broadcasting to-night. Sir Walter, who has just returned from an extensive tour of the United States, said that by September British and American production of aircraft would exceed German production. "The American aircraft industry he said, is expanding at an incredible rate. Last July 78,000 men were employed in American aircraft factories and at the present moment 250,000 were employed. By next June the number would have increased to 500,000. The American people were deeply impressed with the justice of the British cause. There was no hesitation or doubt about whether the British were right in resisting Nazi aggression."

Paris Bandits Kill Bank Messenger

VICHY, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Firing in all directions in the crowded heart of Paris, bandits escaped to-day with 3,700,000 francs after holding up three bank messengers who were taking a bank cart containing the money to the Banque de France. The messengers were suddenly attacked by the armed bandits. One messenger was shot dead and another was wounded. Failing to open the handcart the bandits hitched it to the rear of their car and made a clean getaway.

Japanese Naval Delegation

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—A Japanese naval delegation arrived in Berlin to-day, says the official German news agency. The delegation is to stay several months in Germany.

Butler Reveals Truth Of Mediation Offer

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, was asked in the House of Commons to-day to state the precise terms of the Japanese offer of mediation. Mr Butler declared: "In a recent communication to Mr Eden, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, after referring generally to the European War, observed that Japan was fully prepared to act as mediator to take whatever action was calculated to restore peace and normal conditions not only in Greater East Asia, but anywhere in the world. 'The Japanese Foreign Minister, in subsequent public statements (made,

Meanwhile, diplomatic quarters asserted that the British Legation has started burning confidential documents and has begun the evacuation of British women and children—a precaution against the expected German entry.

The British Minister, Mr Rendel, asked when diplomatic relations would be broken with Bulgaria, replied when it was decided that German infiltration had become actual occupation.

LEFT IN COLD



M. Laval

FRENCH CABINET Laval Is Still Outside

VICHY, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The official list of the reorganised Vichy Government is published to-day.

Under Marshal Petain, there are five members with the rank of Minister—Admiral Darlan, Vice-President as well as Minister for Foreign Affairs, Interior and Marine; General Huntziger, War Minister; M. Joseph Bouthillier, Minister of Justice; M. Bouthillier, Minister of National Economy and Finance; and M. Caziot, Minister of Agriculture.

General Berget is Secretary for Air, acting under Admiral Darlan. Government departments have been regrouped into 15 secretariats headed by secretaries serving under one of the five above Ministers.

Nazi Planes Shot Down

R.A.F. In Action Over French Coast

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—While carrying out an offensive between Calais and Dunkirk one squadron of Spitfires shot down three Messerschmitt 109s and damaged another. They saw a formation of Messerschmitts at about 6,000 feet and immediately attacked. One of the pilots reported that the enemy dispersed right away and general dog fights broke out at various heights.

Earlier Report

Two enemy aircraft were destroyed and several others damaged during an offensive sweep over the Channel this afternoon by Coastal Command aircraft equipped by fighters. "One British fighter is missing, according to the official announcement. Shipping off the French coast was attacked."

Navicerts and Licences

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter). All outstanding navicerts and export licences for Rumania were revoked when Italy entered the war, declared Mr Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, when questioned in the House of Commons to-day.

At this time, he added, Rumania was already passing under German economic control. No goods had, therefore, been allowed to go through the British controls to Rumania since last June.

Asked for an assurance that similar treatment would be meted out to other countries likely to be drawn into the German orbit, Mr Dalton indicated that the Rumanian precedent might usefully be followed.

Nazis Waiting

SOFIA, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Although the Germans are believed to have made preparations down to the most minute detail to attack Greece through Bulgaria, observers in Sofia think that they may hold their hand for a few days in the hope of news of Italian successes in Albania. The weather however, is unfavourable for a German move. Frequent rainstorms have left the road unsuitable for heavy traffic.

Advance In Eritrea Continues

CAIRO, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—British Imperial troops in Eritrea are continuing their advance south of Cubub where, in an action on February 23, 400 prisoners and three guns were captured.

A British G.H.Q. communique also reports the successful development of operations in Italian Somaliland forward of the Jubu River.

On other fronts, no change is reported.

Aerodrome Bombed

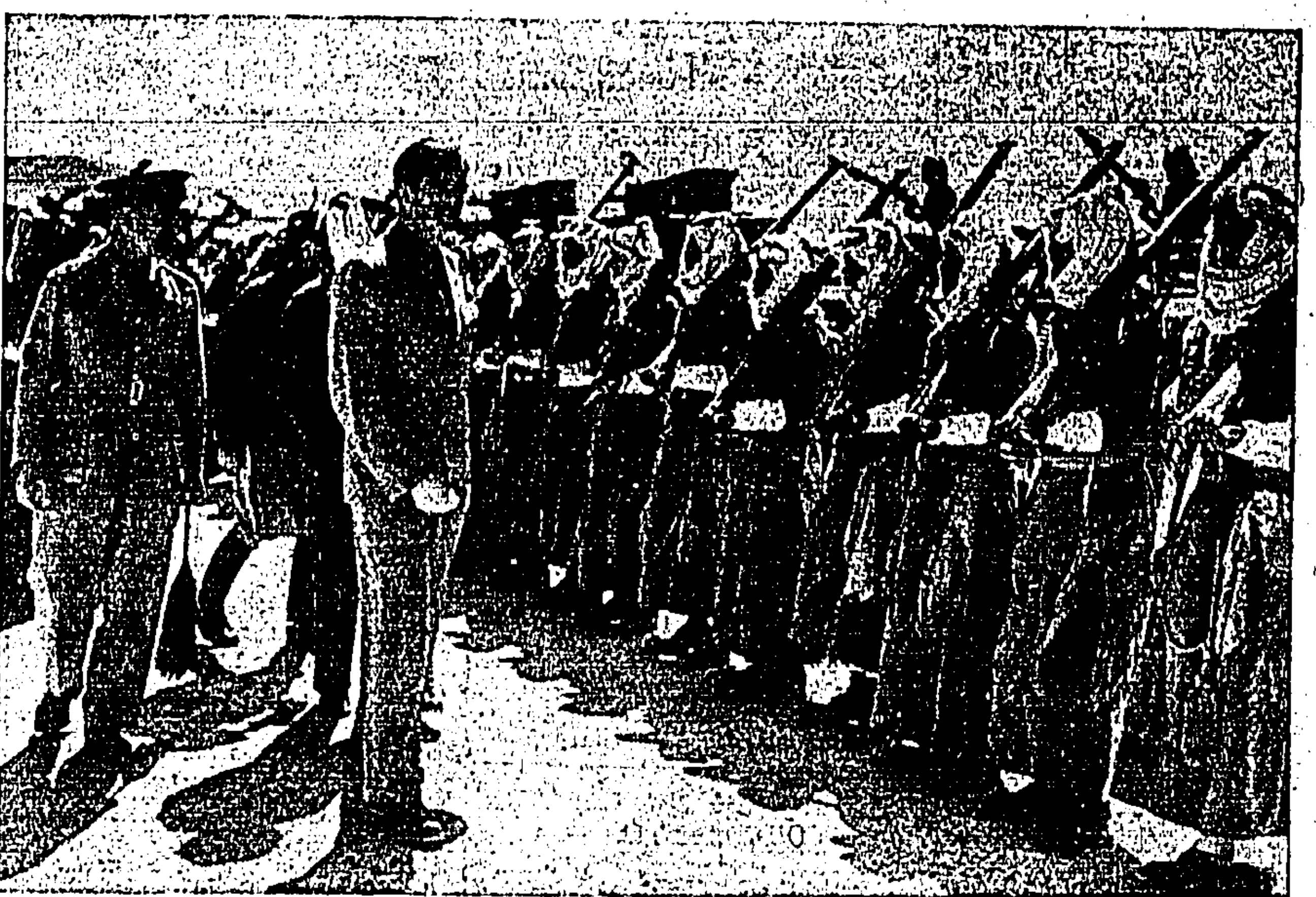
CAIRO, Feb. 25 (UP).—R.A.F. bombers attacked the aerodrome at Addis Ababa on Monday, doing considerable damage to the aerodrome and buildings. The R.A.F. also attacked the fuel dumps at Nefasi, east of Asmara.

SHIPPING LOSSES

British Give Lie To Hitler

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The claim of the German High Command that a German raider had sunk 14 ships totalling about 82,000 tons in a convoy is disposed of by an Admiralty announcement that merchant shipping losses for the week ending February 10 were 12 ships in all, representing a gross tonnage of 37,030 tons, of which 11 were British of 32,460 tons, and one Allied of 5,172 tons. These losses include five vessels—four British and one Allied—totalling 23,000 tons, known to have been sunk by the raider which attacked the convoy off the Azores on February 12. The German claim for this week totalled 105,000 tons of merchant shipping sunk. It is stated that there is nothing resembling the truth in Hitler's claim to have sunk 210,000 tons of shipping in the last few days.

Foreign Secretary On Important Mission



Mr Anthony Eden, Britain's Foreign Secretary, accompanied by General Sir John Dill, is now engaged on an important mission to the Middle and Near East. This picture was taken during Mr Eden's previous visit to the Middle East. It shows him inspecting a unit of the Arab Legion.

Italians Lose Half of Their First Line Warplane Strength

Special to the "Telegraph"
LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—Speaking at a luncheon given by the English Speaking Union to-day, Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Secretary of State for Air, claimed that 1,000 Italian planes, one-half of Italy's first line strength, have been destroyed in the Mediterranean area.

Greeks Take Heavy Toll In Albania

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Italian losses in Albania since the outbreak of hostilities total 122,000.

An Italian Lieutenant Colonel recently captured, gave this figure to the newspaper, "Hellenikon Mellon," reports the "Daily Telegraph's" special correspondent at Athens. The total was made up, said the Colonel, of 27,000 killed, 60,000 wounded and 29,000 missing.

20,000 Prisoners

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Italian prisoners in Greek hands total 20,000, including 551 officers, the Athens radio announced to-night. Only 28 officers and 497 other ranks were sick or wounded when captured. They are being cared for in Greek hospitals.

R.A.F. Hammering

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Italian camps and motor transport in Albania were heavily bombed by the R.A.F. yesterday, states an announcement from British Headquarters in Greece, broadcast over the Athens radio.

Camps along the Tepelini-Valona road were attacked while transport on the road from Kilsura and troops and transports at Dukaj were heavily bombed.

The R.A.F. carried out these operations without suffering any losses.

Enemy Planes Downed

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Four Italian aircraft were brought down by Greek fighter planes and anti-aircraft guns yesterday, says a Greek Press Ministry statement broadcast from Athens to-night. Three other Italian planes were so badly hit that it is thought unlikely that they regained their bases.

He claimed that 90 German dive bombers were destroyed in three days in January when a mass attack was launched on Malta.

Italian Commander's Claim

ROME, Feb. 25 (UP).—The morning newspaper, "Messaggero," published a report to-day from General Felice Porro, Commander of the Fifth Air Squadron, which Mussolini last Sunday announced had been sacrificed almost entirely in the North African fighting.

The report, dated February 5, when General Porro left command of the squadron, claims that in eight months of war, the squadron destroyed 228 British planes. The Italian casualties were 130 killed in combat, 200 wounded, 180 lost and 15 taken prisoner. British air actions downed 95 Italian planes in battle and 75 on the ground.

R.A.F.'s Slogan

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—"Hit the German in Germany"—Lord Trenchard's slogan for the R.A.F. in the last war—is still the R.A.F.'s slogan, said Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, speaking in London to-day.

A spirit of offensive dominates the holding and fighter arm carrying the war across the Channel with offensive sweeps.

Britain is strongly reinforcing the defences of trade routes and her attacks on submarine bases and aerodromes from which four-engined bombers have preyed on British shipping are meeting with success.

Emphasising the determination to bomb the Germans in Germany, Sir Archibald said that Britain grudged every bomb dropped on France, Belgium, Holland and Norway. Many wrecks around the enemy's coast testified to the usefulness of the highly dangerous skilled work of aerial minelaying.

At the beginning of the Battle of Libya, Britain had the right to feel misgivings that the Italian air force outnumbered the R.A.F. three or four times.

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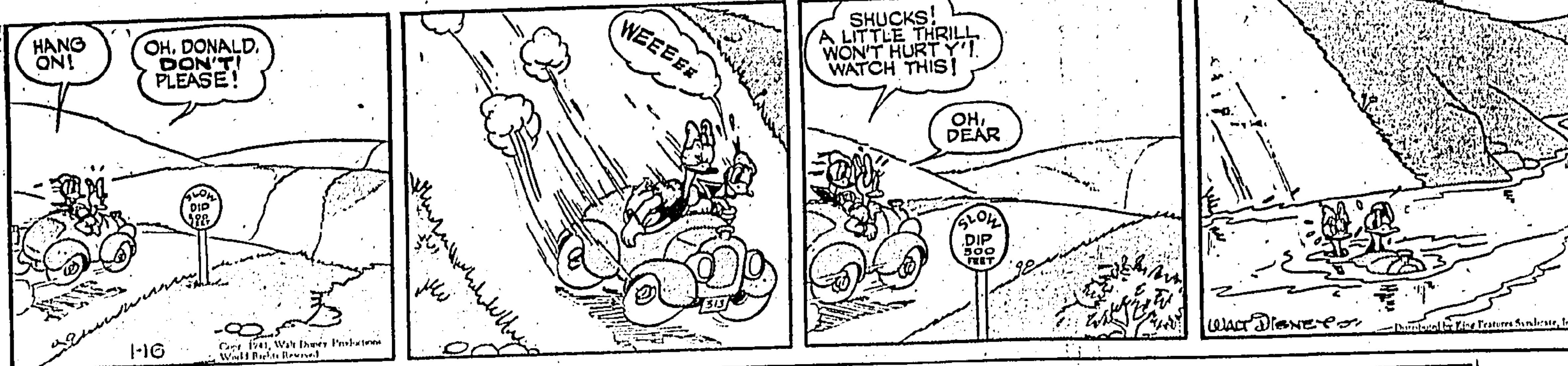
LATEST

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Insurance for Every British Householder

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Every householder in Britain will receive free compensation from the Government up to £200 for air raid damage to clothing, furniture and other household goods under the new Government Free Assurance Scheme, outlined by Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons to-day. Up to another £100 free compensation will be paid for the wife and £25 for each child. In addition to these free grants, it is proposed that people should be able to insure at low rates, namely one per cent, up to £2,000; one and a half per cent, from £2,000 to £3,000; and two per cent, from £3,000 to £10,000. Those living in hotels and lodgings will get free compensation up to £50. Details of the scheme will be laid before Parliament.

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STRUGGLE FOR OIL

By Morgan M. Beatty

WASHINGTON. — The major key to the next phase of the European war may be a three-letter word. It's "O-I-L!"

Whether the Axis powers concentrate on the British Isles, or Gibraltar or Suez, or all three, the long range planning behind their military and diplomatic manoeuvres

and German high commands at Innsbruck, Austria, a revival of the often discussed threat against Gibraltar. For that way also leads to precious oil — the oil of the Western Hemisphere.

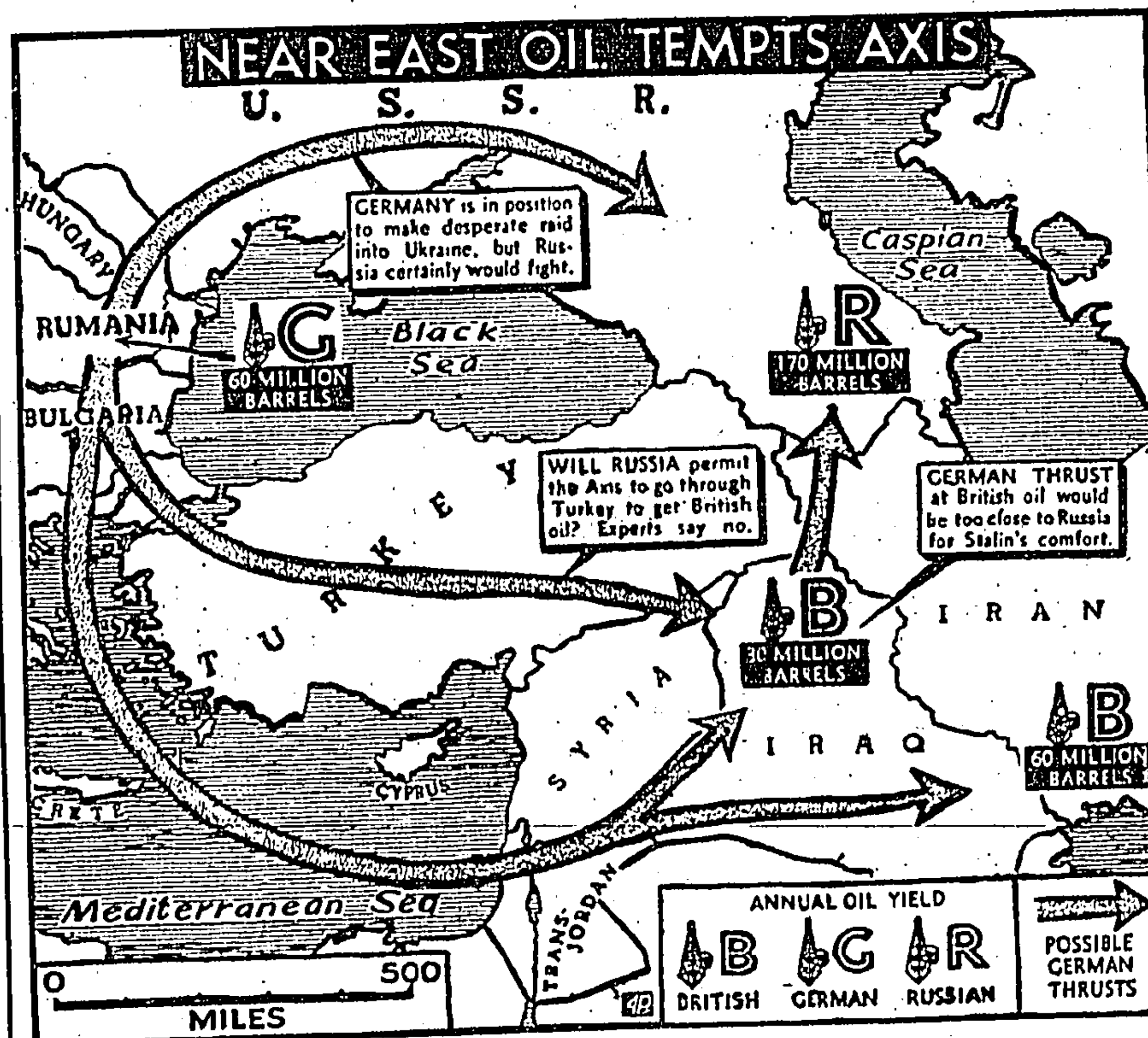
Why the push for oil?

Most military experts and economists agree that it takes about 200,000,000 to 300,000,000 barrels of oil a year to run the Axis war against the

affairs in this country, Russia would object to the presence in Iran or Iraq of sizeable German forces.

It is an open secret that the Russians have been extremely jealous of their great oil resources.

The Russians well remember the British attempt after the World War to move into Baku, the heart of the Russian oil fields. A gesture from the Russian army put a stop to that.



RUSSIA owns the best oil fields within striking distance of the Axis powers. A German thrust at British-owned fields in Iran and Iraq, observers say, would be objected to by Russia because of fear the Nazis wouldn't stop there.

may be forced upon them by the coming thirst of their industrial and war machines for the stuff that turns the wheels of modern nations — petroleum.

That's the view of some Washington economists, who suspect that the Axis' problem at this time is oil rather than food. Not that it's giving out any time soon. But it must look ahead, now that it's failed to make quick work of Britain.

For instance, the economists suspect recent German-Russian negotiations were concerned, not with a new or intensified partnership, but with a German scheme to syphon oil from the Near East, or even Russia herself.

Similarly, the statisticians also see in the military meeting of the Italian

British. But assuming both Italy and Germany have built up reasonable reserves, they cannot hope to replenish their supplies from the lone big oil field in their possession — the Rumanian. At best this area could give them only 60,000,000 barrels a year.

Maybe they can squeeze out another 15 million barrels from shale and coal. But that's much less than half enough oil for a year of Axis warfare.

The nearest additional oil for the Axis is in the Near East. The British fields in Iraq and Iran produce close to 100,000,000 barrels a year under forced draft. And that's just about what Germany and Italy need in addition to what they have.

Hence the attempted drive through Greece. That could open up the eastern end of the Mediterranean.

Next best would be to persuade Turkey to join the Axis, and get permission to go through that country, and thus reach precious oil.

In the view of a well informed expert on Russian

If they should let the Germans through, could they expect Hitler to be as easy to oust in case of victory against the British, as were the British themselves after the World War? Hardly possible. Opinion here is that the Russians would not allow any power any closer to their oil than the British are in Persia now.

The next best bet for the Axis would be oil from the Western Hemisphere, if not from the United States, from the Latin American producers, such as Mexico and Venezuela. That entails an attack on Gibraltar to open the way for Axis ships, or a route through North Africa.

Standing in the way, in either event, is the United States, and the 21 American republics, sympathetic to the British, and capable of intensifying their aid to the British Empire.

All of this adds up to the fact that mighty Russia and the mighty United States, both now at least non-belligerent, stand in the way of lubrication and power for the Axis war machine.

But the Axis must sooner or later seek oil in one direction, or the other. Which way will it turn?

Crossword Puzzle

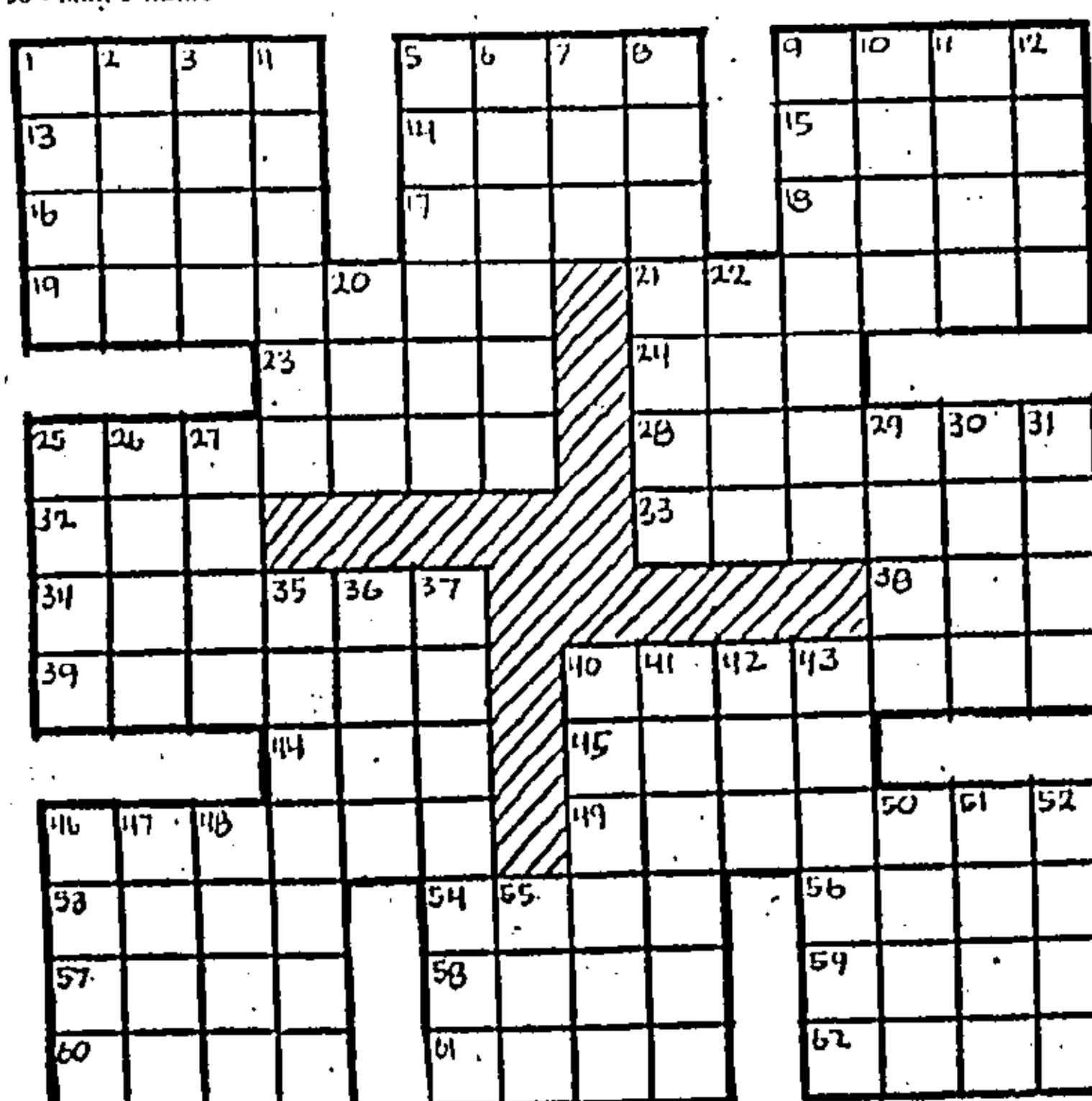
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- European mountains
- Female horse
- Strong-box
- Food
- Dutch cheese
- Lid formerly
- Combining form: individual
- Holder of the gods
- Small ornament
- Daughter
- Minor legal officer
- At all times
- Ill
- Holy war
- Unit of small bell
- Went rapidly
- Black current
- Come up
- Unborn
- Natural vigor
- Horror and frank
- Man's home
- Phenol derivative
- Mineral shows
- Nation
- Perla
- Small
- Constructed
- Circular plate
- City in Alaska
- Sign of future event
- Ship's name

DOWN

- Team of two
- Throws rocks
- Stick to
- Girl's name
- Cave forth
- Extend opposite to
- On the ocean
- Friend
- Denature from main current of thought
- Former capital of Rumania
- Latin poet
- Bluff
- Extraordinary
- One
- Playing toy
- Shakespearean king
- Fusion arc
- Palm in principle
- Cherish
- Hipster
- Daughter of Herodias
- Herodias
- Refractive prefix
- Uranian
- Piece
- American Indian
- tribe
- Of great extent
- But precious
- Middle of certain months
- American coin
- Female deer



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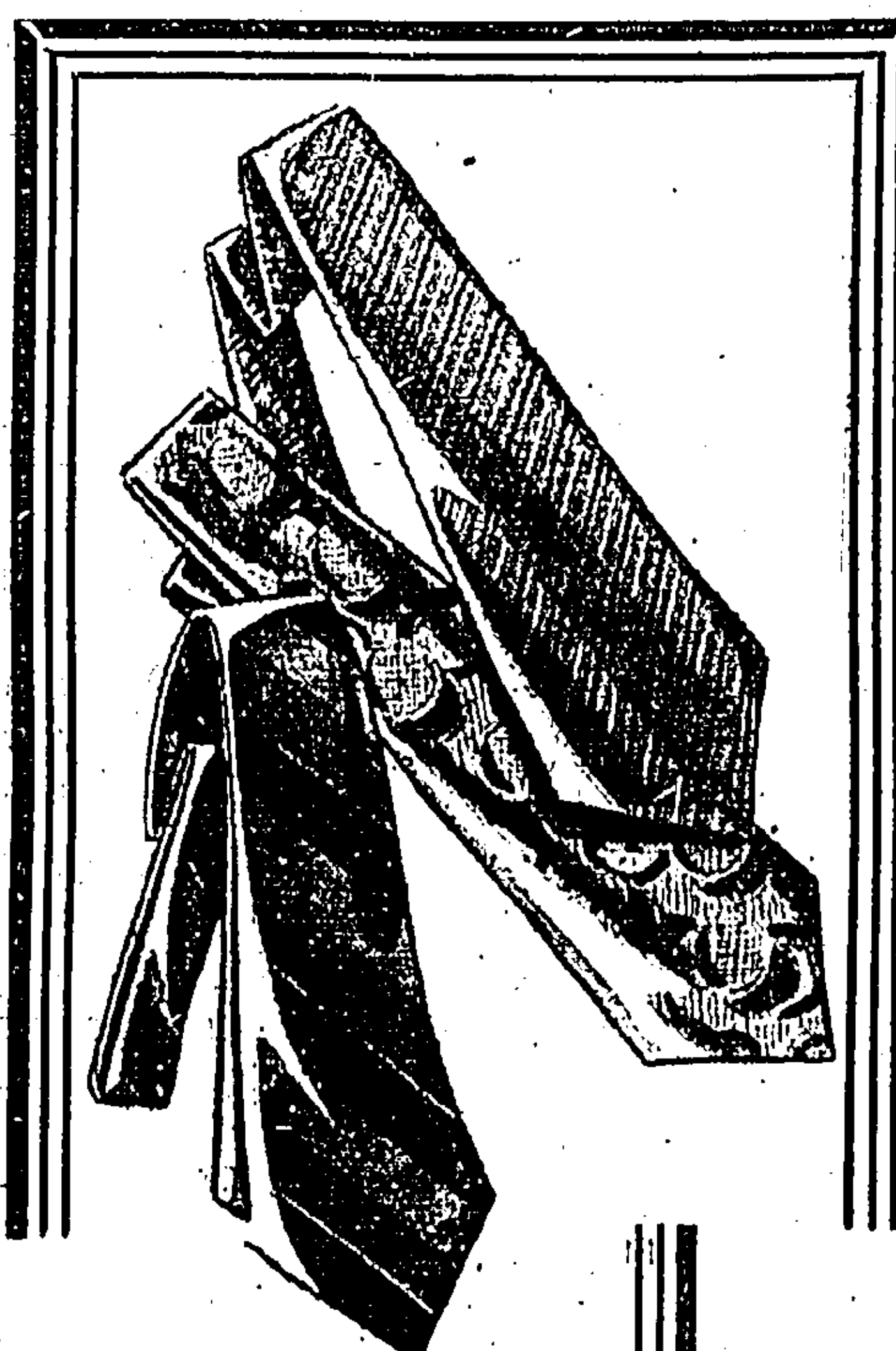
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THREE SPEECHES

During the last few days there has been an overflow of words from Messrs Matsuoka, Mussolini and Hitler. What they have said can do nothing to shake the belief of Britons in their cause and in Mr Churchill, their leader, but what they omitted to say confirms studied observations of weakness and vacillation in the enemy camp.

Hitler said nothing to force another Japanese declaration of policy against the democracies. Does he feel that he has pressed that fervent and worried nation too much already and that overzeal may cause her to withdraw from the collaboration which both sides have verbally embraced? It would seem so, especially since Germany still has not recognised Nanking, an act which would cut her off from Free China but would give the Japanese much more confidence in their support of the Axis. Russia too, escaped mention. Hitler and Stalin probably understand each other better than any two statesmen in power to-day despite the fact that they have never met. Between these two, acts alone count; words have been spilled too freely.

Hitler's confidence in his terror-striking devices to suppress resistance within his own orbit is shown by his admission of fanaticism, which the Oxford Dictionary defines as a state of being filled with excessive and mistaken enthusiasm. He boasts that he has discarded and persecuted reasonable people because he wants a nation filled with homely love of a common object, the Fatherland. It would seem that the false hopes he imprinted on his countrymen—that Britain would not fight, that the war would be over in a year, that Britain would be occupied, that Berlin would be bombed—are coming home to Germans and that now, having committed them to the struggle, the Fuehrer is striving to carry them along with him blindly on his own inspiration backed by reiteration that such a course is the only one left.

Mussolini did face the truth. Like Churchill he has promised his countrymen toil and sweat but unlike the British people, the Italians can see no reason for accepting this unpleasant diet. They can only see that they will not retain their pride and independence of race if Germany wins because already they have taken their place alongside the oppressed Czechs, Poles, Norwegians, Dutch and Danes in Nazi factories, not in the sullen role of slaves as yet, but as the humiliated and impoverished cousin consigned

Hongkong is to have another Black-out exercise, commencing this evening. The Black-out is becoming a subject of great controversy among the war experts. You know most of the arguments in its favour—so, here, one of its most distinguished opponents presents the case against it.

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THERE is a tendency in most of us to accept without question any environment, good or bad, to which we are accustomed.

In earlier days, for example, a shocking infant mortality or the hanging of human beings for sheep stealing was accepted without question until someone asked—Why?

In a period of four years before the war a road casualty list of 25,000 dead and 700,000 maimed was accepted with resignation, as though such wholesale slaughter in peace time was an inevitable adjunct of modern transport.

So to-day, when we are told that we are all "in the firing line," millions are crouching in an inky darkness that can almost be felt—and they are doing so without a thought of questioning why Hitler's crackers must be endured in Stygian gloom.

FOUR QUESTIONS

But if anyone will ask his neighbour, "What is the use of the black-out?" he will certainly get no satisfactory answer.

Does the black-out stop bombers finding London or the other big cities?—No.

Does it stop the bombs falling, or exploding?—No.

Does the gloom and stillness accentuate the din of the guns, the crunch of the bombs, the flashes and fire-reflection in the sky, and thus the nerve-racking effects?—Yes.

Does the dismal darkness impede salvage and rescue work, and the locating of time-bombs?—Yes.

In view of these four simple and sensible questions, and their inevitable answers as given, ought we not to ask ourselves, and the black-out champions in Whitehall, what purpose this dangerous and depressing black-out serves?

Last winter, when the air attack was in suspense, the attempt to represent the black-out as a safety measure for the civil population, for which it was originally designed, was abandoned.

Sir John Anderson, when faced with questions in Parliament, fell back on the plea that the black-out would

to mental labours in the castle of her overlord.

Mr Matsuoka it appears, has made a blunder. He made an approach which was withdrawn before it could be grasped. He made a suggestion of mediation without inspiration, justification or sincerity. With Britain angered at the crass boasts of southward expansion at any cost, America plunged into defence by Tokyo's avowed intention of supporting Axis policies, Mr Matsuoka has little to show on the credit side of his short term.

Only another political "crisis" can affect a substantial change in Japan's direction and although Prince Konoye may stay at the helm, more by virtue of his silence than his sentiments, it would appear that the next move in Tokyo is more likely to be internal than external.

Is the Black-Out Any Use?

By Captain Bernard Acworth,
D.S.O., R.N.

prevent "air raid bombing" against military objectives such as railways.

But our own bomber pilots, over an even blacker Germany—if anything can be blacker than Britain!—reach blacked-out Berlin unflinchingly and, by the light of their great parachute flares, bomb their military objectives unerringly.

EXPLODED!

Sir John Anderson's sole justification for the black-out, planned and organised by the Civil Service before the war, has thus been exploded by war experience.

Indeed, the reason recently given for continuing, and deepening, this monstrous gloom was that "the people" would not tolerate the re-lighting of our cities.

In other words, the Black-out officials, who do not include Mr Churchill—who said he was ordering the re-lighting of the streets—are trying to shift the responsibility from their own shoulders to those of the long-suffering public.

But if the wit of man can find no technical justification for this unnatural gloom, it takes little wit to detect technical reasons for abolishing it.

LIGHT v. DARK

The spirit of man shines in the light and wilts in the dark, as anyone can see who watches the unconcern, indeed the enthusiastic interest, of the man-in-the-street when bombers are overhead in day-light.

But, apart from this widely recognised fact, powerful artificial light, if cunningly used, is a shield against bombs, or gunfire, rather than a snare.

On several occasions our own bomber-pilots have broadcast that German searchlights impeded their operations more than the barrage—and anyone who, at sea, has been compelled to face a searchlight beam can readily believe that.

A high Air officer, with years experience of flying over lighted cities, as well as blacked-out ones, recently emphasised to me that the powerful flares with which our own pilots, like the Germans, illuminate their target areas are rendered more illuminating against the opaque background of the black-out.

Furthermore, in this blackness human-beings can do nothing but crouch and shrink.

With light at our command we could use it very effectively as camouflage, and great open spaces, such as the London parks, could be converted into traps for a large percentage of London's bombs.

WORK SLOWED

So much for the technical case against the black-out.

What of its consequences on our war effort?

Its effect on transport and communications is known to all of us.

Work in aircraft and other factories, and in business gener-

was given as an excuse for its continuance.

It is now being claimed, and with some justice, that the impenetrable gloom is forcing us all back to a quiet life at home, or in tubes and basements, and that, in this respect, good is being extracted from evil.

But here again the black-out is performing a service—if it is a service!—which has nothing to do with the purposes for which it was invented.

The fact that the German black-out is richer and deeper than our own is sometimes cited as an argument for its retention, and its deepening, here.

BE NATURAL!

But why should Britain copy Hitler?

Would it not be a portent of victory, and a gesture of contemptuous challenge, if, having sent the "non-belligerent" section of the populace into quiet and safety in the country, the rest of us who claim to be "in the firing line" showed our disdain for Goering's Luftwaffe by lighting up at least London?

And I do not mean lighting it up with a few anemic street-lights.

I am talking about the heavenly directed beams of our tolerated for a day longer if this cities' natural brightness!

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE . .

WE MEET THE IRON DUKE

To-day's extract from the diary of a journalist-turned-soldier describes how he ceases to be a recruit and becomes a full-fledged soldier.

WE have passed out. We have been tried in the furnace, and found passable. Slick of hair, scoured of hand, tittivated like ballerinas, tricked up in our best battle-dress, we picked our dainty way over the damp grass to the grey square, and awaited the C.O.'s inspection.

We marched and wheeled left and right; sloped arms, trailed arms, secured arms, piled arms, presented arms, changed arms, and saluted.

We untied knots in our tongues and answered questions, feeling that the end had come and we were damned forever as dozy oafs.

The commanding officer's face was sad. His voice was thoughtful. His brow was dark. We trembled. We were without hope.

That was a terrible, timeless hour. The clock went mad.

Then: "I think they will do," said the C.O.

Our chests swelled: we would have sighed if we had dared.

And now we have marched into camp. It is still a lousy day.

A ginger sergeant, enormously tall, is glowering at us from under the peak of a soft cap, as if we represent the sum total of all he has ever hated the sight of.

At his order we slope arms. He says three words: "Tut, tut, tut," and calls upon his Maker.

We turn right. He names a Biblical character, and raises his eyes to heaven.

"The sergeant-major," he says, "is going to have a word with you. Be outside the office in ten minutes. When I say ten min-

utes, I mean ten minutes. Be on time. In fact when I say ten minutes, I mean five minutes.

We are there in three minutes. The Lad from the Elephant and Castle says: "Nobody could call me a coward. But Sergeant-Majors make me blood run cold."

"They're terrors," says Ginger.

At this point a dreadful silence falls upon the face of the earth. Against the black "glooming" of the office appears a grim figure, the sight of which strikes us dumb. It is the man they call the Iron Duke, the Company Sergeant-Major.

Rough weather and the strain of perpetual shouting have coloured his face cyclamen-red. His bristles gleam like eyes; his eyes gleam like brasses.

He has the unmistakable air of the Sergeant-Major; the man who knows exactly what is what.

He looks at us as if he would eat us—if only he didn't dislike the look of us—and speaks.

"If you're in any kind of trouble," he says, "come to me. We'll see what we can do to help."

"Now you're going to start some real training. Right. Do your best. That's all we ask."

"Work hard and behave yourselves, and nobody'll interfere with you. Play up, and you'll get trod on."

"Nobody's going to lead you about like sheep here. Every man will read the Detail in the morning, and look after himself."

"Every man will go about cleanly and properly dressed. After duties, you may go out. Every man will keep within bounds and behave like a gentleman."

"I should be sorry to see any man in my Company who didn't give his sent in a bus to a lady or an old person, or who didn't help an old person or a lady on to a bus."

"Remember, you're soldiers now, and are expected to behave as such. Be courteous. Muck in and help one from another."

"Now go and make yourselves at home. And remember, always—if there's anything you want advice about, don't sit and mope, but come straight to me."

"Platoon, SHUN! Move to the right in three's—Right TURN! Dis-tut, tut," and calls upon his MISS!

The Lad from the Elephant blinks twice and mutters: "E seems to be almost 'uman'."

The Kid from Widnes, sticking his name-plate on the drab wall over his bed, says: "Somebody lend me a rag!"

We are at home again.

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Around The Courses

Standardised Clubs And Amateur Status In America

Ball Furthest From Hole Must Be Played First

(By "Birdie")

THERE WAS AN ARTICLE of interest in the "S. C. M. Post" on Thursday last dealing with American initiative in standardising clubs. The article went on further to deal with a definition of the amateur status in that country.

It seems pretty well indicated that this latter is the outcome of the furore there was over the position of Jim Ferrier, the great Australian amateur, who was banned from taking part in the U. S. Amateur on the grounds that he was a professional because he wrote for certain newspapers.

At the annual meeting of the U.S.G.A. they approved golf coaching as a part time vocation for amateur golfers, provided they were full-time members of college faculties and such work only constituted a minor part of their duties.

In re-drafting their code, the U.S.G.A. re-emphasised their ban on those who received compensation for instruction, whether oral or written, by demonstration or by pictures, to groups or individuals.

Meaning, of course, that their decision against Ferrier was being upheld.

It seems that most of the modern improvements to the game have originated in the

United States. But I wouldn't say that they take the game more seriously, except that when they wish to become good they go about it with a concentration that to most people would constitute a headache.

The 14-clubs rule and the six-inch styptic came from "over there." They have elaborated on the styptic to include a ball which is six inches from the hole (not yet adopted by the R. and A.), and now they move to standardise clubs—and balls.

The 14-clubs rule was leading up to this, for one of the contentions was that with the various and numerous clubs that are at present available to golfers, the game was rapidly becoming one of merely judgment of distance and selection of club. The old finesse that was needed when one's bag only included about seven or eight clubs is disappearing.

It is, in fact, possible to fill one's bag (to the caddy's disgust) with more clubs than could possibly be used in one round. Pitching irons, blasting irons, No. 4 woods, etc., and has anyone seen that mongrel with a handle of about six inches in length? There is a club for almost any situation.

It does seem superfluous to have more than the regulation irons Nos. 1 to 9, three woods and a putter. This makes 12 and leaves an allowance for one more. If one cannot play golf with all these—

IT was pointed out to me the other day that there appears to be a misconception of Rule 7, which is "The Ball Furthest From The Hole Played First."

It is generally accepted that when one is on the green, one does not play any further strokes until one's opponent, too, reaches the green. The Rule reads:

"When balls are in play, the ball further from the hole shall be played



Irene Pereira (Wildcats) clouting her timely double in the last stanza of their match against the Wahos—the two-bagger that paved the way for the all-important run. Jackie Anderson catching, with Doc Molten umpiring.—Ming Yuen.

Competition For Canadian Forces At Home

LONDON, Jan. — Arrangements have now been completed for an Association football competition for the Canadian forces in this country. Some 84 teams have entered, 40 from the first division, 17 from the second division, and 20 from corps troops, and 7 from the holding units. These have been divided into six groups and eliminating matches are now in progress to decide the teams to join in the competition proper. The final in March will decide the Canadian Active Service Forces championship.

first. Through the green (that is, anywhere but on the green) or in a hazard if a player play when his opponent should have played, the opponent may at once recall the stroke, and the ball shall be dropped without penalty as near as possible to the place from which the previous stroke was played."

"When balls are equidistant from the hole the option of playing shall be decided by lot."

Now there are some greens where the hole is placed far on one side—sometimes within two yards of the edge of the green. A player, therefore, may lie in the rough but within three yards of the hole while his opponent on the far side of the green may be over three yards away.

It seems, therefore, that the player whose ball is on the green should be the one to play first, that is, putt before his opponent chips.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

Senior And Junior Titles

ENTRIES for the Senior, Junior and Mixed Doubles Badminton Championships of the Colony have proved most satisfactory. These competitions are scheduled to commence next month.

Ten are in for the Senior title, nine pairs for the Senior doubles title, twenty-one for the Junior singles title, fifteen pairs for Junior doubles title, and eleven pairs for the Mixed Doubles title.

Patrick Wong, triple champion for 1940, is in the top half of the singles draw, and should meet P. K. Hooi in the semi-finals. In the lower half, K. W. Choy, University's latest recruit, and by some favoured for this year's honours, should meet C. Au in the semi-finals.

These are matches that should be worth the watching, and whatever the outcome, an excellent final is assured.

Doubles

Wong and Au, the doubles champions, are in the upper division of the doubles draw, but have several redoubtable pairs to overcome if they hope to repeat last year's triumph. K. W. Choy and K. B. Low are in the same bracket, while in the lower portion, P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chow, another University pair, voice another challenge.

In the large fields of both the singles and doubles of the Junior competitions there can be much speculation. But for equally strong pairings, one must turn to the Mixed Doubles, for there are no less than six teams capable of taking the title.

This latter competition throughout promises spirited and skilful play. The draw resulted as follows:

Men's Senior Singles

Byes into second round—P. H. Wong v. D. Kwok; M. P. Young v. Smith; M. A. Oliver v. A. Carvalho. First round—K. W. Choy v. P. K. Hooi; C. Au v. H. F. Chow. Byes into second round—F. Koh; W. Gilbey v. K. W. Choy.

Men's Senior Doubles

Byes into second round—P. H. Wong and C. Au v. H. F. Chow and N. P. Smith; M. A. Oliver and A. Carvalho. First round—K. W. Choy and K. B. Low v. J. J. Remedios and H. F. Chow. Byes into second round—S. Amplanar and C. K. Cheah v. M. P. Young and P. P. Young; G. Y. Yung and S. Koh v. P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chow.

Men's Junior Singles

Byes into second round—H. S. Jones v. P. C. Leung; J. Odell v. M. Tolan; A. L. Fisher. First round—H. M. Lavalle v. Peter Lo; J. L. Anderson v. Ho Wong-tob; Jack Hoel v. P. Zimmerman; P. A. Yvanovich v. H. Dingdale; T. S. Young v. J. Tang. Byes into second round—N. L. Smith v. P. Wynter-Blyth; G. Gilbey v. A. L. Gordon; D. Chelliah v. W. C. Chung.

First round—P. Kwok and D. Kwok v. C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang; J. L. Anderson and Ulan Khoo v. J. J. Remedios and M. P. Young. Byes into second round—C. Cheung; H. M. Lavalle and N. A. Boltrao v. M. Tolan and J. Odell; P. A. Yvanovich and S. T. Goan v. V. Wong v. H. C. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth; C. F. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v. Jack Hoel and S. C. Liang; G. Y. Yung and S. Koh v. P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chow; T. S. Young and M. K. Fung v. D. Chelliah and J. H. Khoo.

Byes into second round—Peter Lo and J. Tang.

Mixed Doubles

Byes into second round—P. K. Hooi and Ulan Khoo v. J. J. Remedios and M. P. Young. First round—D. Kwok and Mrs. D. Wilson v. M. A. Oliver and Miss M. Silva; C. Cheung and Miss D. Eardley; K. Zimmerman and Mrs. F. Zimmerman v. P. H. Wong and Miss Q. Tse. Byes into second round—J. Odell and Miss J. Choi; S. Amplanar and Miss T. Goncalves v. K. W. Choy and Mrs. A. E. Castro.

Cardinals' Brilliant Finale

PAVING THE WAY TO VICTORY

Wildcats Triumph 4-3 Over Wahos: Mohawks Nose Out Chinese

(By "Ball Fan")

OLD MAN WEATHER once more switched on his damp sign as the Kowloon stadium presented a slippery diamond to a five game softball card, over the weekend, featuring the star-studded Wildcats in a 4-3 last inning snatch-win over the greenshirtsed Wahos.

Dixie Walker's redbird Cardinals wrote a brilliant finale to their official league ending, blazing through in a glorified manner to clip Recrio's dandies 19-5. Chung Hwa Maroons made a quick get away from "behind the eight ball sign" as they cut through with a 24-13 win over the Little Flower browns.

The marauding Mohawks eked out a close 6-7 victory over Abe Liu's Chinese Basebatters after a terrific eight inning struggle, while the Canadian Chinese ball tossers hit the well-known dirt once again as they took an 8-1 loss from the spectacular Indians. Recrio's rough riders forfeited their encounter to Omar's Cyclones, having no substitutes after Eddie Gosano dislocated his shoulder sliding back to second in the 3rd inning.

Brilliant Win

THE red-legged Cardinals took a brilliant 19-5 win from uncle Mike's fovyng Rees to wind up their season's campaign in starlight style. Greatly strengthened with the return of first string hind snatcher Rosita Baglanawis, the redbirds went to work with a vengeance, winning the old ball game in the first two stanzas with an eight run blast.

Hurler Elie Babida made certain of a new Cardinal contract next season by staging a whirlwind attack at the platter, hammering out a Ruthian smash and two driving triples.

Rodrigues, Rec third sacker, garnered the only extra base clout for the losers, slashing out a sizzling double in the 5th frame.

Thrilling Climax

WORKING Terry Noronha for a free trip and advancing to third on Irene Pereira's timely double, Virginia Chiu, petite Wildcat centre-fielder, crossed the plate on Jackie Anderson's error in the last stanza with the climax tally to give the star-studded felines a close 4-3 triumph over Fan Lee's Wahos.

Rival mound ace Thelma Colacao and Terry Noronha hurled steady ball, each team being limited to six blows.

Yvonne Yelle, Wahoo initial baseman, made three hits in four trips to the plate, while Irene Castilho-fielded standout ball for the losers, proving a tower of strength on the weak Wahoo infield.

Out Of Cellar

ELLA CHINN'S popular Chung Hwa Maroons made Sunday Feb. 23, 1941, a red letter day in the annals of Chung Hwa club history by coming through with a stupendous, yet colossal effort, in whipping the Little Flower browns 24-13.

Doornat of the girls loop since the start of the league schedule, the Maroons snapped out of a 12-game losing streak, sailing into L. Rosario's offerings for thirteen clean bingles.

The Indians clinched the issue in the 1st stanza as Kitchell, Nazarin, Baby Abban and Savage Hassan crossed the plate with four runs on two bingles and an error.

The weak willow-wielding Canucks could not solve the offerings of hurler Kassa, Nazarin, and were held to four lonely blows. Savage Hassan's mighty homer to right field and Baby Abban's stinging triple in the 1st frame were the longest hits of the fray.

Considered Lucky

THE marauding Mohawks kept in pace with the leading teams in the senior loop championship fight by edging through with a lucky win over Abe Liu's Chinese Basebatters 6-7 in an extra inning fracas. Going into their half of the 7th, down two runs, the Iroquois braves tied up the count as the powerhouse duo of Lou Light and Pete Fitch sallied across the plate.

The Tribe rode home with the winning run in the 8th as Ernie Heather drove out a slashing single to centre, bringing in Pete Fitch who had advanced all the

Sunday's Stars

Betty Clarke and Elie Babida, Cardinals—Betty tore across the old platter with four runs to lead the redbird scoring attack; latter drove in six runs with a homer and two triples besides limiting the Rees to seven scattered hits.

Virginia Chiu and Cynthia Motta, Wildcats—Former came home with winning tally in the 7th frame to clinch the issue; latter's sizzling throw to second had the Wahoo runners stopped cold.

Frances "Zaza" Lee and Fungie Law, Chung Hwa Maroons—Former crossed the plate with five runs and connected for three solid blows in her first big effort of the season; Fungie hurried her best game of the year, holding the browns to seven mealy hits.

Savage Hassan and Tarzan Ismail, Indians—The spectacular "savage" slashed out a round-tripper and single to lead the Indian attack brigade; latter came back to play steady ball after receiving a shiner in the 4th frame.

Joe Morris and Cy Jones, Mohawks—Despite an injured leg, Joe crashed out a fireball double and single; latter scored two runs and limited the Chinese Clubbers to three bingles.

way to third when Willie Wilson, muffed his high fly.

Den Cray, on the hillcock for the Chinese, fanned eight Waggoner but issued seven free passes. Joe Morris, fiery Tribe catcher playing with an injured foot, connected for two flaming blows to lead the winners hitting attack.

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A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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NANCY



Italian East Africa Falling Steadily Before British Arms

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

KHARTOUM, Feb. 25.—With the tentacles of the British force thrusting like an octopus ever deeper into the heart of Abyssinia, it appears that the tempo of this campaign is likely to increase as the Duke of Aosta's forces find themselves imperilled at one point after another.

Thrusts into Abyssinia are now being made at more than 12 different points simultaneously from north, south and west while growing numbers of Abyssinians, hearing news of the Emperor's installation in his own territory, are rallying to the patriot forces and Italian regulars are themselves increasingly deserting as the result of intensive British attacks, coupled with appeals made by means of pamphlets, loud-speakers, etc.

The intensity of our effective pamphlet campaign can be judged by the fact that in a recent period of four weeks, 750,000 pamphlets have been distributed in Abyssinia and Eritrea.

The Italians have abandoned the threat to shoot men found carrying British pamphlets as impracticable and have instituted periodical "search parties." A whole battalion was lined up and searched for pamphlets but many prisoners we have taken were found still carrying our pamphlets in their pockets.

The force of the British thrust has been materially strengthened in recent days by provision of well-organised supply lines, bringing through the mountainous country such necessities as ammunition, medical supplies and food.

Growing Air Strength

There is also the growing strength of our air force. The technique of surrounding and cutting off Italian forces, already so successful in Libya, is being applied at a number of points besides Keren, though the difficult nature of the country hampers the swift employment of mechanised forces at several points.

In many cases, enveloping movements are being carried out by the infantry clambering through rugged mountains and destroying roads and bridges and attacking the Italians from the rear.

Apart from retreating outposts, the main body of Italians so far as any line can be said to exist appears to run approximately from Keren, where the cream of the white forces is being employed in an attempt to hold that town at all costs, southwards to Lake Tana and then to Debra Marcos and Addis Ababa.

S.P.C. WORK REVIEWED

Flag Day Success

At the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, it was reported that the sum of \$4,234, was collected for the Flag Day organised by the Women's Auxiliary. The Society is grateful to the public for this encouraging response.

New cases treated at the Society's centres during January were 225, involving 308 children, while the total number of cases under supervision for the same month totalled 1672.

A very successful party for poor children was held in the Majestic Theatre on January 25, at which over 800 were entertained and given small gifts. The Society is most grateful to the management of the theatre and to the Friesland Trading Co., The Wing On Co., Ltd. and The On Lok Yuen Co. The Society's inspectors did excellent work in assisting in the organisation.

Blind Girl Exploited

The poignant case of a blind girl of 13 years of age, who had been cruelly exploited as a street beggar for some months, was reported. The Committee decided to place the child in the Italian Convent where she will be cared for and receive suitable instruction.

The cases of three boys, whose fathers are dead, were also considered. The ages of the boys range from 11 to 13 years, and it was agreed that the matter should be referred to the St. Louis Industrial School for entry, if possible, into that institution in order that the boys may be taught a trade.

Many children are maintained by the Society at various homes and institutions, and the need for wider public support in order that the Society's work may be extended is a very pressing one. It was unanimously agreed that an invitation be sent to Dr. C. Graham Cumming to join the Executive Committee.

South Honan Skirmishes Leave Indecisive Fronts

CHUNGKING, Feb. 24 (Central News).—After the Chinese recapture of Paomaling, north of Changchikwan, the Japanese in south Honan massed reinforcements and made an unsuccessful counter-attack on February 21.

Chinese troops on February 21 smashed into the Japanese positions south of Miayang, a strategic town between the Han and Yangtze Rivers in Hupeh. Several vantage points, including Hulupai, Hsiehjenkow, Wuchiachang, and Siaoahakow were recovered.

In south Hupeh about 1,000 Japanese troops at Tungshan equipped with four field pieces, pushed toward Chengshan, Huangchiatsien and Hengching, on February 19. In the face of stiff Chinese resistance they failed to make any headway.

Reinforcements

On February 20 with the arrival of large reinforcements they forced an entry into Chengshan by the east gate and Sinsu. However, before they could establish a firm foothold, the Chinese counter-attacked. With their flanks and rear exposed to intense fire the Japanese beat a retreat to Tungshan and Namichiao the following morning. Both Chengshan and Sinsu returned to Chinese control.

While fighting was going on at Tungshan, Chinese troops attacked the Japanese at Shihpiksu, Tichu-chung, Wei-ching, and Chingshan, in south Hupeh. Japanese defence works at Shihpiksu were destroyed and about 200 Japanese soldiers were slain. Four Japanese army lorries in the outskirts of Tungshan were demolished by Chinese artillery fire.

Fighting Around Tamshui
SHIHUKWAN, Feb. 25 (Central News).—Chinese troops repulsed the Japanese at Pomo near Tamshui on Monday morning. In the afternoon with the aid of reinforcements the Japanese made a counter-attack. They were enticed by the Chinese to Wopsha where they were subjected to encircling attacks.

Money For Bomber Fund

A total of \$1,253.07 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:

Mr. L. B. Brough, 2 R/S (third donation)	10
J.P.P. (in memory of the late Mr. E. J. Mitchell)	10
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Frederick "Stranger" Box (week ended 22-24)	5.27
H.K.C.C. "Ducks and Butterflies"	22.40
Mary Edmondston (seventh donation)	20
Columbia (second donation)	20
Mr. J. Gurvich	25
H.K.W.C. No. 1 Machine Gun Coy	253
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The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Relief Fund for British Prisoners of War: Mr. R. D. Gillespie, \$100.

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Salvation Army in memory of the late Mr. R. E. Slattery: Friel and Bob, \$10.

Another Port Captured

Nairobi, Feb. 25.—A communique issued to-day stated:—"Western African troops yesterday captured Brava, which is a port 100 miles north of Kismayu on the coast of Italian Somaliland. Cleaning up operations are continuing in the Gelib area where yesterday our South African troops rounded up a party of the enemy who had been stranded in the bush."

"On the northern sector a company of Abyssinian irregulars has captured British and Italian Moyale and South African troops have now taken over this area. By the capture of Moyale, which was lost by us 11 July last year, the last Italian troops have also been evicted from British territory."—British Wireless.

INDO-CHINA

Japan Wants Thai Demands Granted

TOKYO, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Japan has submitted a compromise proposal in an attempt to break the deadlock in the negotiations between Thailand and French Indo-China, according to well-informed Japanese quarters who indicate that the "proposal will be Japan's final offer in the current negotiations."

The land to be closed to Thailand should "historically speaking, belong to Thailand," state the Japanese.

The Japanese official news agency, "Domei," issues a warning against "interference by Third Powers who wish to see the Tokyo Peace Conference end in failure" and adds: "The Japanese Government is keeping a close watch on the situation."

New Policy
TOKYO, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Japanese Government has decided on a new policy of dealing with future economic negotiations between Japan and Thailand.

The Overseas Minister, Mr. Kiyoshi Arita, announced this to-day but declined to disclose the nature of the measures envisaged under the new policy.

RAID ON MALTA COSTS ENEMY TWO PLANES

MALTA, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—R.A.F. fighters shot down two German Dornier planes into the sea to-day when Malta had raid warnings.

A third German plane is believed to have been brought down. According to an official communique, alerts were caused by enemy reconnaissance and fighter patrols. No bombs were dropped.

LEND & LEASE

Amendment Discussed
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt declined to discuss in detail the proposed amendment to the Lend and Lease Bill and merely stated that he had discussed the main proposed amendment with Congress Leaders this morning.

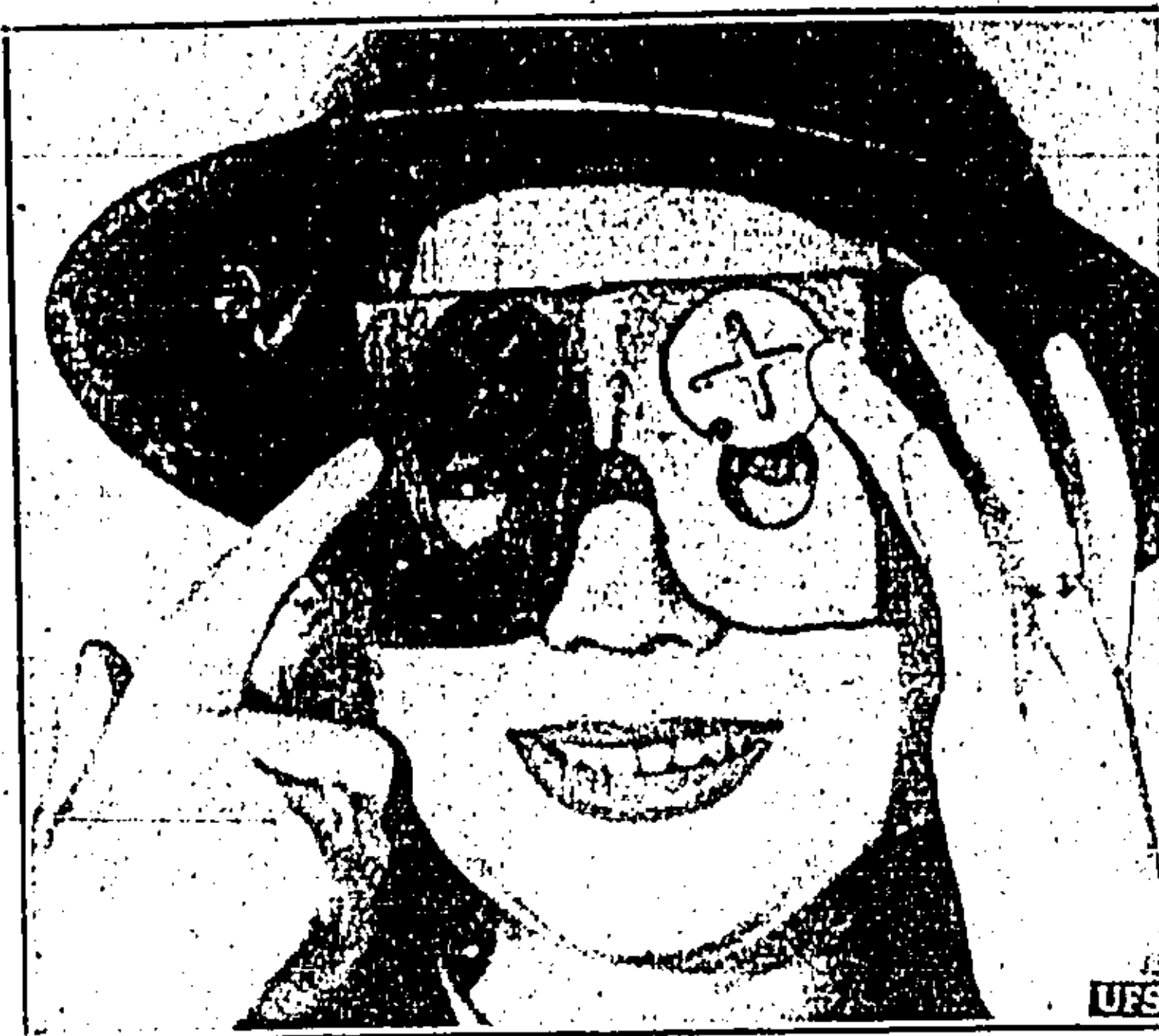
The President added, however, that it was obvious that any amendment designed to change the policy of the Government or the request of the Government to give Britain all aid short of war was undesirable.

Planter Killed In Flying Accident

The death is reported of Mr. H. F. Stilwell, of St. Leonard's Estate, Port Dickson, as a result of a flying accident near Kuala Lumpur early this month.

Mr. Stilwell was a member of the Kuala Lumpur Flying Club and a keen flyer. The machine crashed five miles outside Kuala Lumpur town.

By Ernie Bushmiller



EYE SAFETY—British girl wears these rubber and metal goggles to shield her face from flying shrapnel fragments. She can close large eye-holes and still see her way through slits.

Bitter Conditions In Albanian Operations

I DID not fully realise how bitter the Greek-Italian war is until I walked across the Klisura battlefield to take these messages to the nearest telegraph office across the Greek frontier, writes a correspondent of the Sydney "Daily Telegraph."

Italian dead were sprawled out in mud, amid scattered heaps of cartridges, rifles, and wrecked machine guns.

At one end of the battlefield torrential rains had swept scores of bodies into a heap against some trees.

A ravine I crossed was choked with the bodies of men.

The Greeks are able to move their dead, but in disordered retreat, the Italians leave everything.

I came on one fine-looking, bearded Italian who, I thought, was alive. He seemed to be smiling at me, showing his fine white teeth. But there was a puzzled look in his deep blue eyes—so I dismounted from my mule to have a further look at him. He was dead.

He was just one of the men who, according to the Italian Foreign Minister (Count Ciano), was going to take part in a triumphal march through the streets of Athens.

Plans—And Reality

Plans for this march have been found on several dead officers. The plans even show where the various units were to assemble for the great entry into Athens.

Count Ciano is reported to have had a special Greek "Governor's uniform" made for himself.

But this man's body was a symbol of the reality—Italians dying vainly in the bitterest campaign in history. The Italians know they are no match for the Greeks in mountain fighting, where driving snow, mud, and murderous ascents make warfare a hideous experience.

The Greeks have performed miracles in transporting supplies and guns over these mountains. Every man is fighting and working fanatically for a freedom threatened by a cowardly aggressor.

Greeks Go Upwards

Night overtook me as I descended the mountains, slipping and sliding in mud which at times reached the mule's belly.

In the sleet and snow I had finally to abandon the mule. Yet all through this difficult descent I passed endless lines of Greek soldiers toiling upwards.

There are no railways in this part of Albania, few roads, and little motor transport.

All these men had been walking many miles daily for weeks, with the worst of it all at the end. I foundered for eight hours in a pitch-black night storm.

Guns—mostly Greek—were booming all the time.

In a deep ravine about midnight I heard a familiar hair-raising whistle. Then came a deafening bang and a blinding flash right ahead of me, nearly knocking me down.

Italian shells came over in intervals of five minutes. I was sure one would get me, but the track bent away so fast.

I walked with a number of wounded Greeks, and slept for a while under the scanty cover of a tent-fly.

All night the cavalcade of marching heroes went by while I shivered with a high fever. They were better men than I.

Air Marshal Speaks Of U. S. Planes

By everything he didn't say, Air Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, the man responsible for the eight guns of the R.A.F.'s Spitfires and Hurricanes, criticised the armament of U. S. warplanes, reports Leonard Engel in "PM."

Sir Hugh, who looks more like a schoolmaster than the tough-minded customer who headed Britain's home air defence until a few weeks ago, studiously refrained from direct criticism. He had warm words of praise for U. S. planes in general, for their navigating and blind-flying instruments and for their bomb sights.

Too Few Guns

But every time he was asked "how about their guns and armour?" he started a lengthy discussion of the intricacies of guns and armour plate in general. He implied that guns are too few on the American planes and armour plate not adequate—exactly what Ralph Ingersoll reported on his return from London.

Asked directly whether U. S. planes were seeing first-line action over England, Sir Hugh replied that every one of our craft was being used in the job for which it was best suited.

He said that the Lockheed-Hudson bombers were "outstanding"—after each plane had had a gun turret added to give it protection aft—and that the R.A.F. would continue to use them in coastal patrol work.

Present At Taranto

A Glenn Martin bomber, he said, was present at the British raid on Taranto—photographs of the raid were taken from it. He said he didn't believe any American planes were used in the attack.

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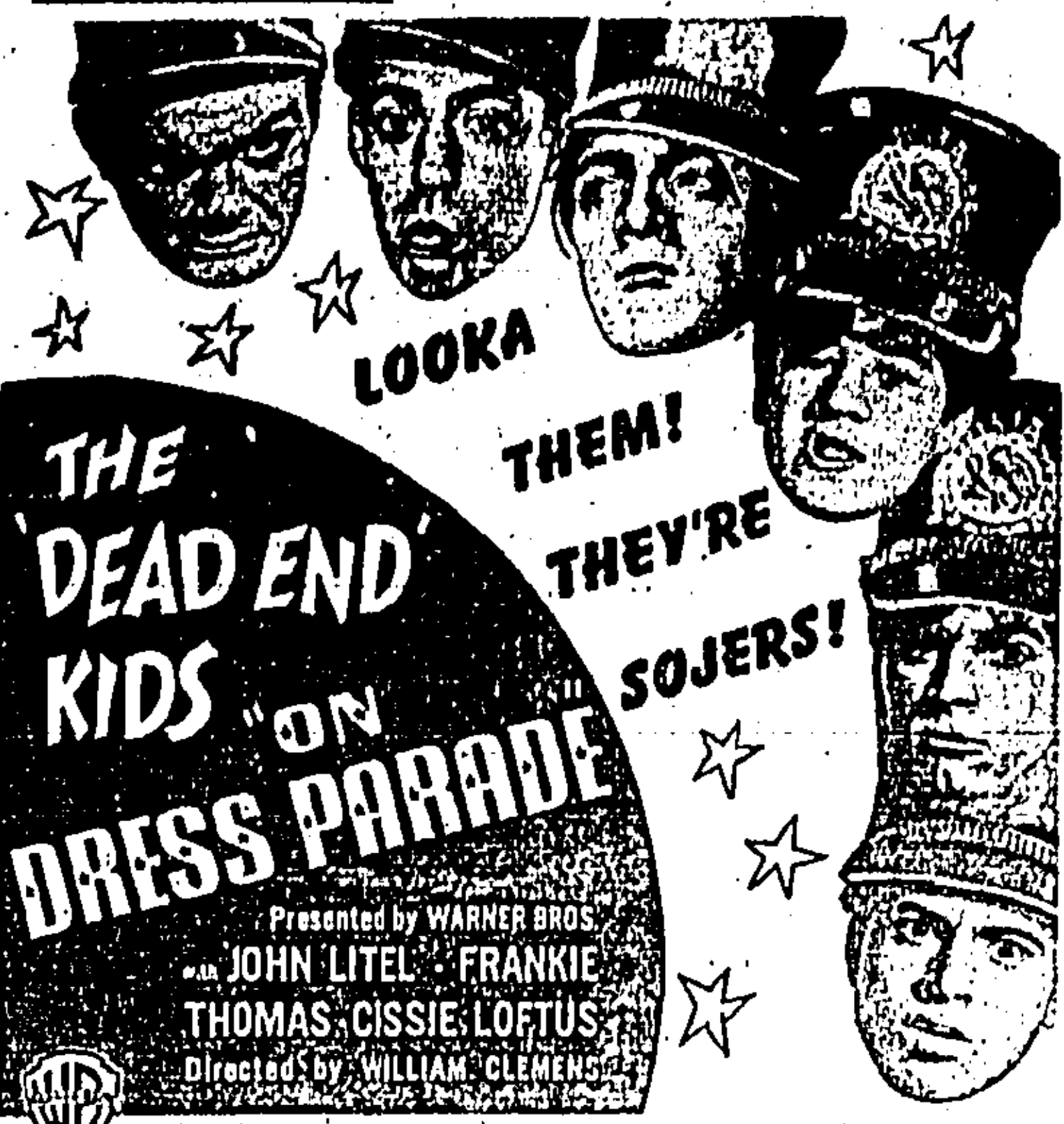
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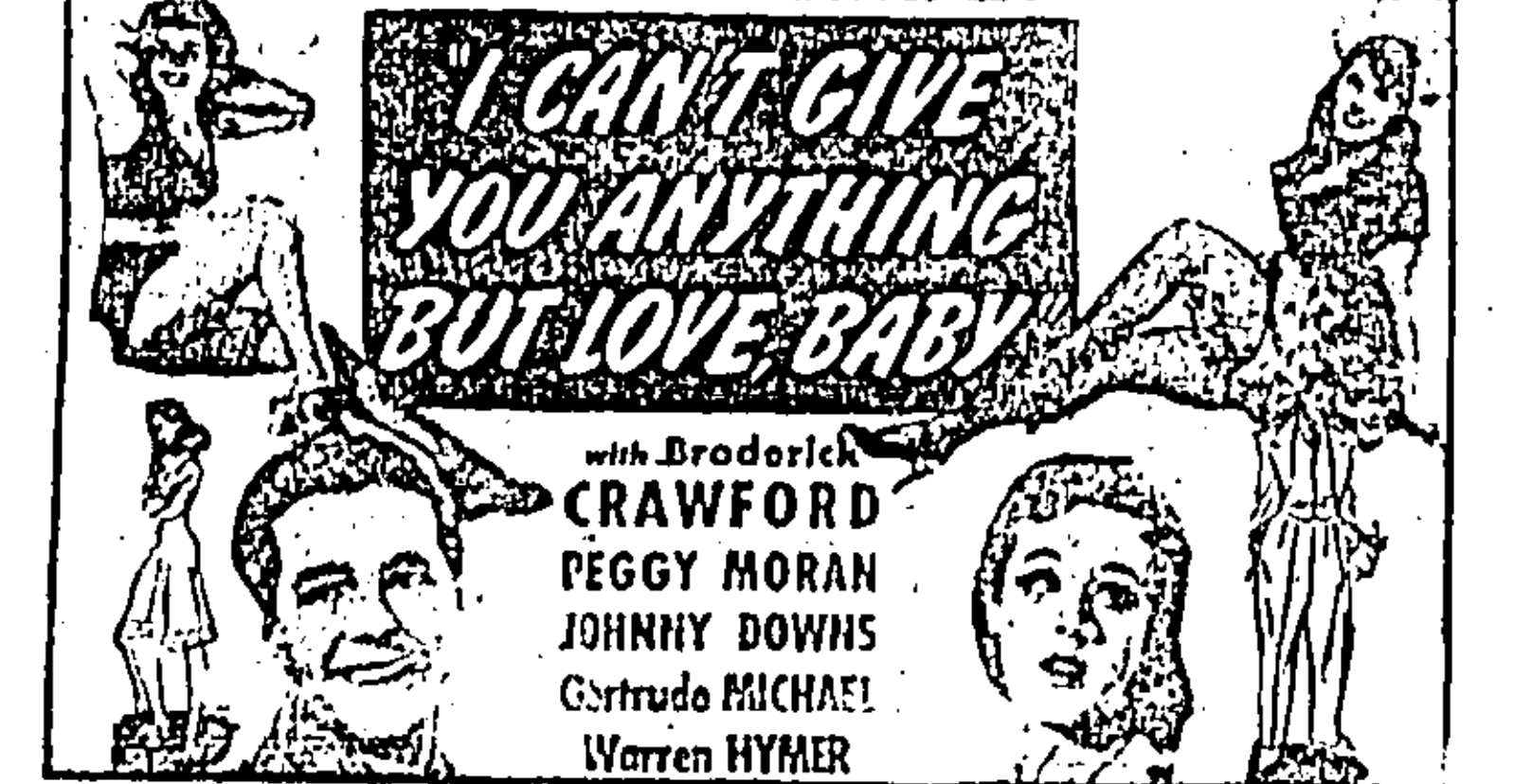
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Chiang's Exhortation

CHUNGKING, Feb. 25 (Central News).—A total of 63 resolutions aiming at the increase of food production, adjustment of supply and demand, and improvement of food administration, was adopted at the National Food Conference which was closed to-day after having been in session for five days.

The Conference was presided over by Mr. Lu Tso-fu, Director of the National Food Control Bureau.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was present yesterday and he urged the delegates to exert their best efforts to solve the food problem.

Dr. F. Z. King, Director of the National Health Administration, spoke on the essentials of food nutrition and entertained the delegates with refreshments prepared on a nutrition formula.

The Conference voted a resolution of tribute to Generalissimo Chiang and also dispatched a message of comfort to the rank and file at the front.

Less Rice, More Planes

Refugees Go Hungry

KWEILIN, Feb. 25 (Central News).—Some 3,000 war refugees of the south-eastern provinces now stranded in Kweilin abstained from food to-day and saved about N.C.S.1,000 which they contributed to a fund for the purchase of a gift plane to the Government. The money was handed over to the Kweilin Office of the military Affairs Council for remittance to Chungking.

Meanwhile, the refugees in Kweilin have issued a circular telegram urging their comrades in distress in other places to respond to the fund-raising campaign in a similar manner.

Winant Leaving For England

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Mr. John G. Winant, the new U.S. Ambassador to Britain, has reserved a seat on the clipper scheduled to leave for Lisbon on Thursday, Pan-American Airways announced to-night.

Kind of Peace

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has no ideas which Mr. John G. Winant, the new United States to Great Britain, may take to London concerning the kind of peace which could be established after the war.

Making this statement at to-day's press conference, the President added that the first job was to win the war.

Soviet Defence

MOSCOW, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—A heavy increase in defence expenditure was announced by the Finance Commissar, M. Overev, to the Supreme Council of the U.S.S.R. Parliament to-night.

The estimates amount to 70,000,000,000 roubles compared with 57,000,000,000 roubles last year and just under 41,000,000,000 roubles in 1939.

Rumanian Elections

BERLIN, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—General Antonescu, Premier of Rumania, announced to-day that a general election will be held on March 2, according to a Bucharest dispatch to a German news agency.

GIFTS FOR CHINA

MELBOURNE, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Australian Red Cross is sending £10,000 and £15,000 worth of goods to China in response to a request for assistance.

Italians Lose Half of Warplane Strength

FROM PAGE ONE

to one, but the R.A.F. was so successful that the Italian air force never played an effective part.

Sir Archibald also spoke of the effective work in East Africa of South African and Rhodesian squadrons.

Losses Over Malta

Since Italy's entry into the war, Malta was continuously attacked from the air but the people's spirit was unshaken and R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm fighters had driven back and vanquished the Germans and Italians alike.

There were three gruelling days in January when a mass German attack was launched on Malta. The enemy lost 60 dive-bombers and it was some little time before they returned. The enemy morale was visibly affected.

The R.A.F. in Greece with the Greek air force had pounded the enemy. In the Italian theatre, the R.A.F., the Royal Australian Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm had done greater damage to German and Italian production than the enemy had done to Britain's war effort.

The Air Minister promised heavier blows yet in the coming months. "We shall see whether during the next 12 months, the bombs which destroy German factories and communications will not also shatter the faith of the German people in Adolf Hitler," he said.

Heavier Blows

The Air Ministry and the Ministry for Aircraft Production were devoting their energies to defeating the night bomber. No immunity from night bombing was possible and as the weather improved the Germans must be expected to resume their attacks on a greater scale than ever. They would fail again and no risks would be refused by the pilots to make the attacks progressively more costly.

"The people of this country," he declared, "will not suffer alone. Our blows will fall faster and harder on the enemy."

Over 1,000 Italians

The South African Air Force and the Rhodesian squadrons have destroyed more than 1,000 Italian planes since Italy's entry into the war. This is additional to the German planes destroyed in the same theatre.

Leaving out account of the monthly output, that was half the first-line strength with which the Italian air force entered the war.

The policy regarding Germany was to hit where it was most effective. Hence Hamm was bombed 82 times, Hamburg was visited 62 times, Cologne 55 times, Mannheim 35 times, and on 35 occasions the R.A.F. had ridden through winter storms and fogs to Berlin.

The British people were heartened in the "blitz" by the prodigies of valour and skill of British bombers, which are growing in numbers, range and power.

"Don't forget that they travel three times as far to Berlin and back as the Germans have to travel to London," Sir Archibald concluded.

No Secret Debate

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Asked in the House of Commons to record a secret debate on the bases leased to the United States, Mr. Clement Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal, gave an unequivocal "No" and added that Mr. Churchill had no intention of acceding to such a request—a statement which was received with cheers.

Exports To Japan

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Captain Oliver Lyttelton, President of the Board of Trade, was questioned in Parliament to-day on British exports to Japan in the last 12 months. Captain Lyttelton declared that during the period of war no licences had been issued for exports from Great Britain to Japan of war materials as such.

Netherlands Rubber Stocks

Japanese Trade

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BATAVIA, Feb. 25 (Dome).—Mr. J. H. Rittman, publicity director for the Netherlands East Indies Government, on Monday confirmed that the Japanese-Dutch economic negotiations are going on smoothly.

He told Japanese correspondents that the talks probably would last another two weeks.

Consul-General Mr. Yutaka Ishizawa on Monday twice conferred with Mr. J. W. Hoogstraten, Commercial Director of the N.E.I. Government. Among various economic problems at present facing the Netherlands East Indies the question of the shipping bottleneck loomed large to-day. Accumulated rubber stocks awaiting shipment to various ports in America have increased to 10,000 tons during February bringing the total to 25,000 tons. This has caused local rubber prices to show weakness despite higher quotations in New York.

FREIGHT RATES INCREASED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (UP).—It is learned that the Far East Conference has voted to raise outward freight rates on a long general cargo list by approximately 25 per cent. effective on April 1.

Previously, the homebound tariffs from the Orient were increased by 25 per cent. Other long distance rates were also increased including West Africa, and northbound from the east coast of South America.

Pope's View Of Current War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 25 (UP).—Giving audience to a group of priests, the Pope said that the current war had resulted in a disbelief of God. "The people need to know God and the tremendous current of events has been almost the nemesis of their disregard for God and a test with which God wants to recall humanity to the faith. Christ is too little known and loved," His Holiness declared.

Willkie Ignorant About Invitation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 25 (UP).—Mr. Wendell Willkie to-day said that he had no knowledge of an invitation to visit Australia. He asserted that he had been out of touch with his office adding, "I know only what I read in the newspapers."

Weather permitting, Mr. Willkie will fly back to New York to-day.

Alfonso's Condition Again Critical

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Feb. 25 (UP).—Intimates revealed that ex-King Alfonso suffered another attack this afternoon and his condition is again most critical.

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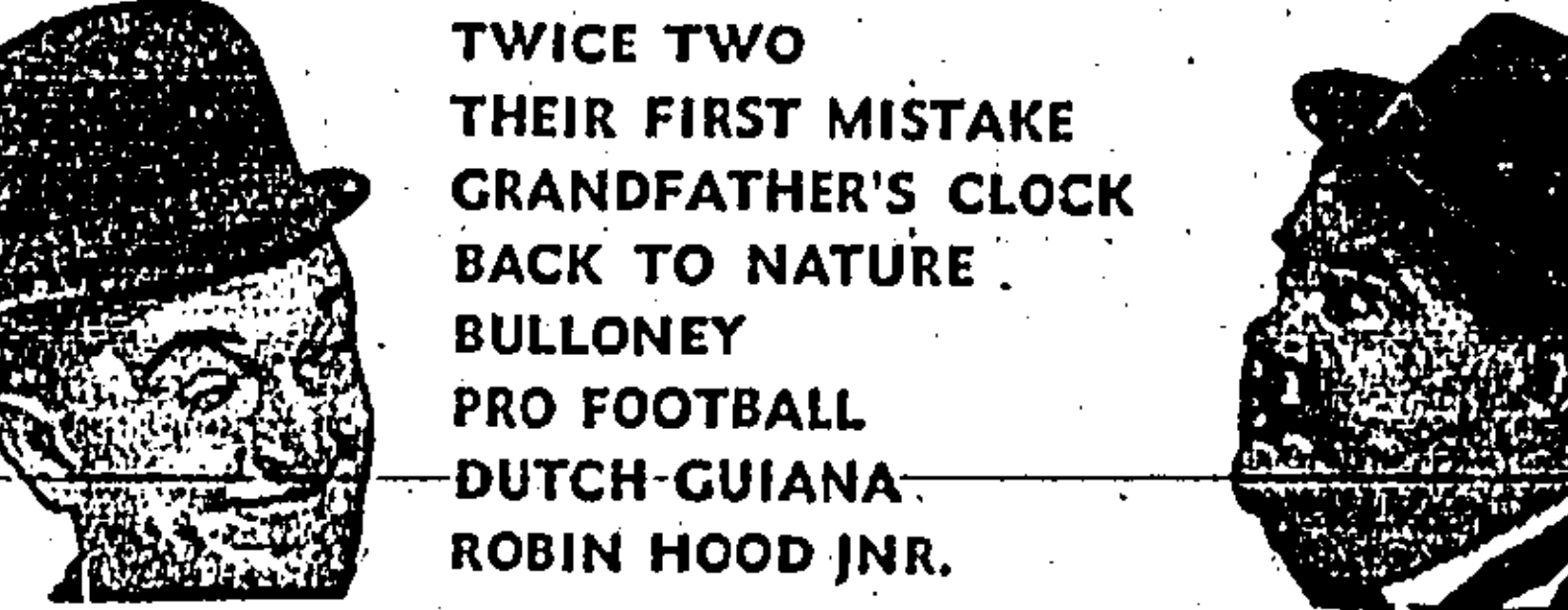
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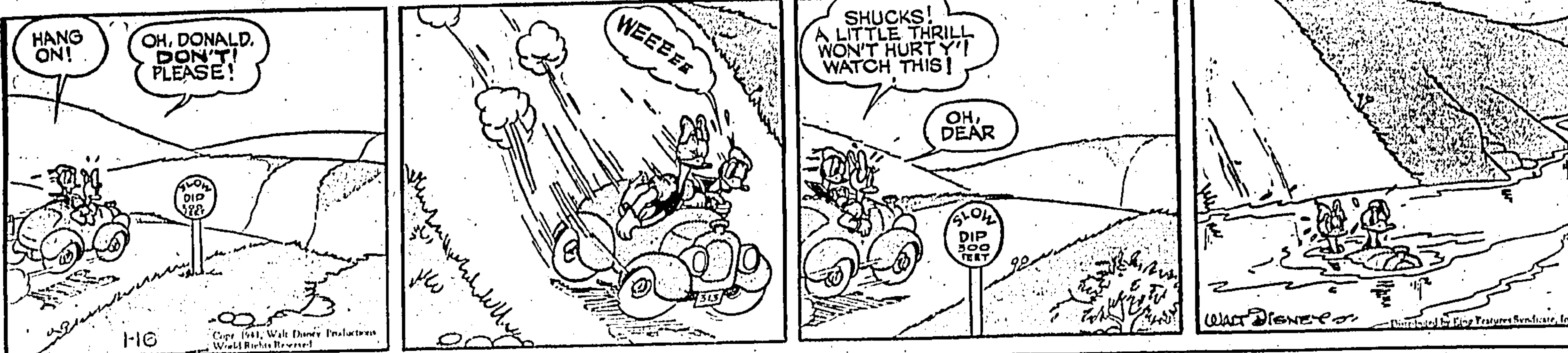
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was fully prepared to act as mediator or to take whatever action was calculated to restore peace and normal conditions not only in Greater East Asia, but anywhere in the world. "The Japanese Foreign Minister, in cause of the kind for which we are fighting—a cause in no way concerned with territory, trade or material gains but affecting the whole future of humanity—there can be no question of compromise or parley."

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STRUGGLE FOR OIL

By Morgan M. Beatty

WASHINGTON. — The major key to the next phase of the European war may be a three-letter word. It's "O-I-L."

Whether the Axis powers concentrate on the British Isles, or Gibraltar or Suez, or all three, the long range planning behind their military and diplomatic manoeuvres

and German high commands at Innsbruck, Austria, a revival of the often discussed threat against Gibraltar. For that way also leads to precious oil—the oil of the Western Hemisphere.

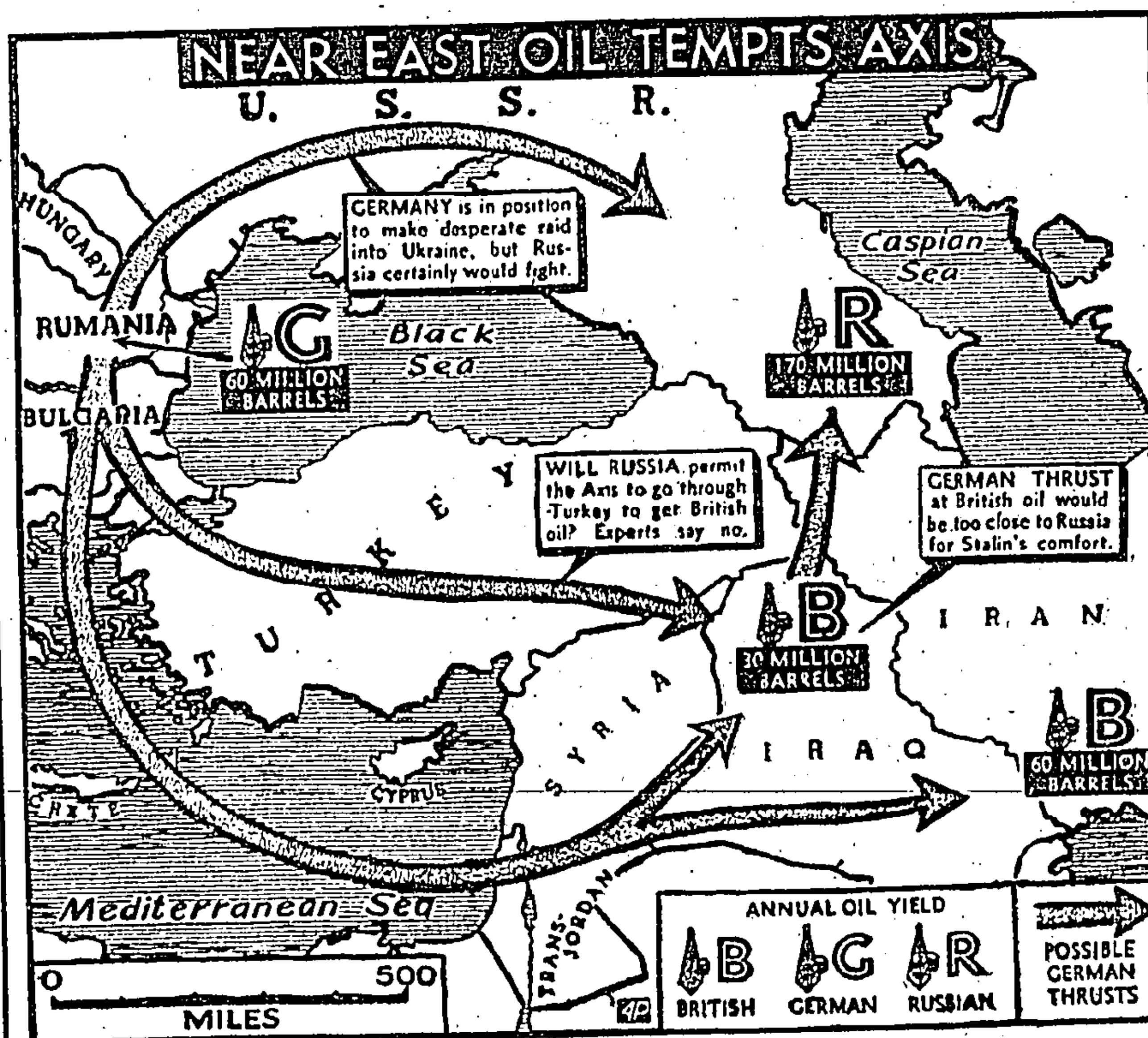
Why the push for oil?

Most military experts and economists agree that it takes about 200,000,000 to 300,000,000 barrels of oil a year to run the Axis war against the

affairs in this country, Russia would object to the presence in Iran or Iraq of sizeable German forces.

It is an open secret that the Russians have been extremely jealous of their great oil resources.

The Russians well remember the British attempt after the World War to move into Baku, the heart of the Russian oil fields. A gesture from the Russian army put a stop to that.



RUSSIA owns the best oil fields within striking distance of the Axis powers. A German thrust at British-owned fields in Iran and Iraq, observers say, would be objected to by Russia because of fear the Nazis wouldn't stop there.

may be forced upon them by the coming thirst of their industrial and war machines for the stuff that turns the wheels of modern nations — petroleum.

That's the view of some Washington economists, who suspect that the Axis' problem at this time is oil rather than food. Not that it's giving out any time soon. But it must look ahead, now that it's failed to make quick work of Britain.

For instance, the economists suspect recent German-Russian negotiations were concerned, not with a new or intensified partnership, but with a German scheme to syphon oil from the Near East, or even Russia herself.

Similarly, the statisticians also see in the military meeting of the Italian

British. But assuming both Italy and Germany have built up reasonable reserves, they cannot hope to replenish their supplies from the lone big oil field in their possession—the Rumanian. At best this area could give them only 60,000,000 barrels a year.

Maybe they can squeeze out another 15 million barrels from shale and coal. But that's much less than half enough oil for a year of Axis warfare.

The nearest additional oil for the Axis is in the Near East. The British fields in Iraq and Iran produce close to 100,000,000 barrels a year under forced draft. And that's just about what Germany and Italy need in addition to what they have.

Hence the attempted drive through Greece. That could open up the eastern end of the Mediterranean.

Next best would be to persuade Turkey to join the Axis, and get permission to go through that country, and thus reach precious oil.

In the view of a well informed expert on Russian

If they should let the Germans through, could they expect Hitler to be as easy to oust in case of victory against the British, as were the British themselves after the World War? Hardly possible. Opinion here is that the Russians would not allow any power any closer to their oil than the British are in Persia now.

The next best bet for the Axis would be oil from the Western Hemisphere, if not from the United States, from the Latin American producers, such as Mexico and Venezuela. That entails an attack on Gibraltar to open the way for Axis ship, or a route through North Africa.

Standing in the way, in either event, is the United States, and the 21 American republics, sympathetic to the British, and capable of intensifying their aid to the British Empire.

All of this adds up to the fact that mighty Russia, and the mighty United States, both now at least non-belligerent, stand in the way of lubrication and power for the Axis war machine.

But the Axis must sooner or later seek oil in one direction, or the other. Which way will it turn?

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

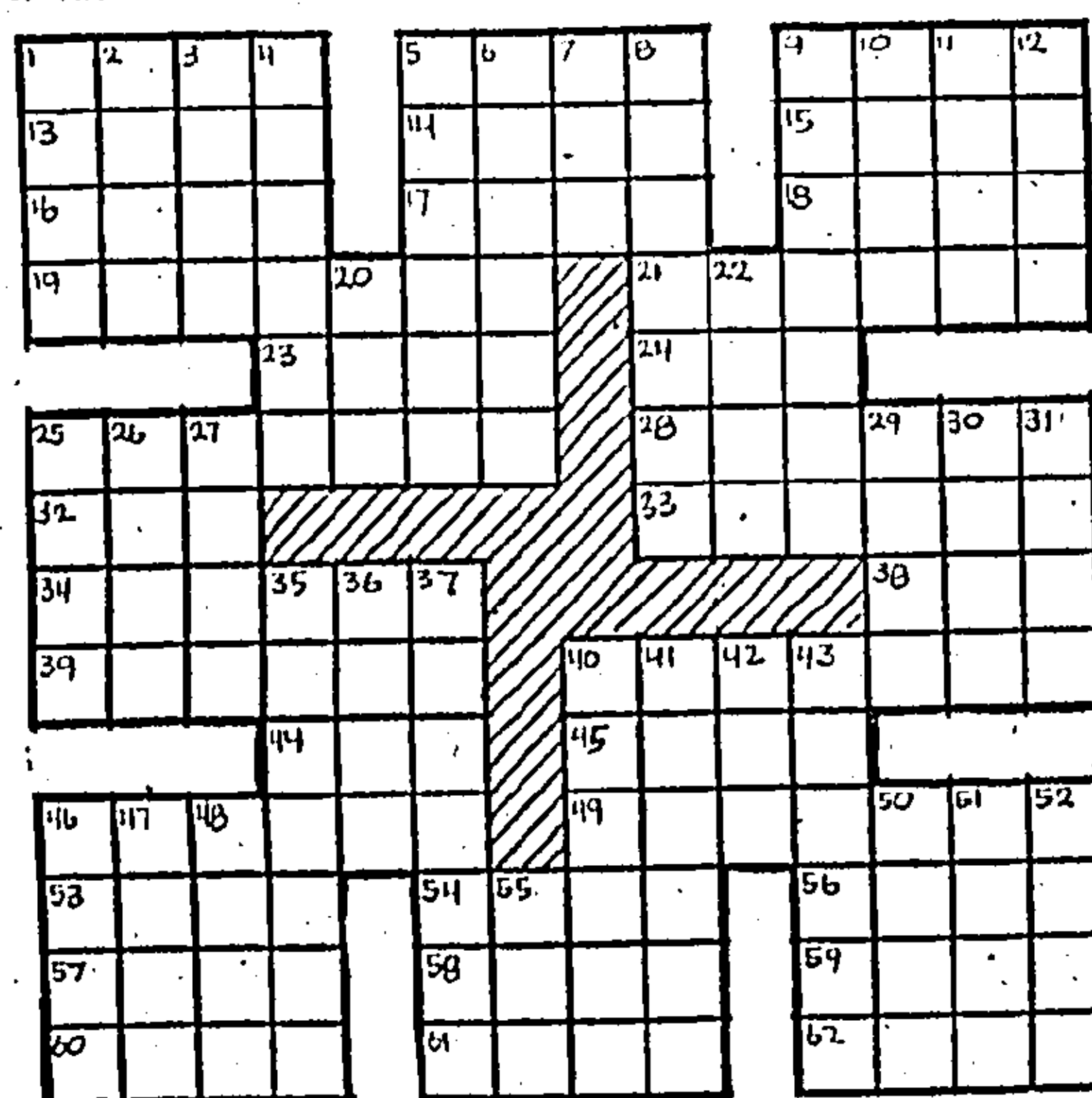
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- European mountains
- Female horse
- Strong box
- Food
- Dutch cheese
- Did formerly
- Combining form
- Individual
- Mother of the gods
- Small ornament
- Haughter
- Minor legal officer
- At all times
- Wall
- Holy war
- Round of small bell
- Went rapidly
- Black currants
- Come up
- Runburn
- Natural vigor
- Jones and Frank
- Man's name
- Medical derivative
- Musical shows
- Nedman
- Persia
- Hamel
- Constructed
- Circular plate
- City in Alaska
- Sign of future event
- Man's name

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- Team of two
- Thawed rocks
- Stick to
- It's name
- Give forth
- Extend opposite to
- On the ocean
- Brand
- Departure from main current of thought
- Former capital of Rumania
- Latin poet
- Butt
- Extraordinary
- One
- Wringing toy
- Phaenician king
- Raxon nest
- Term in principle
- Otherwise
- Boiler
- Laughter of Herodias
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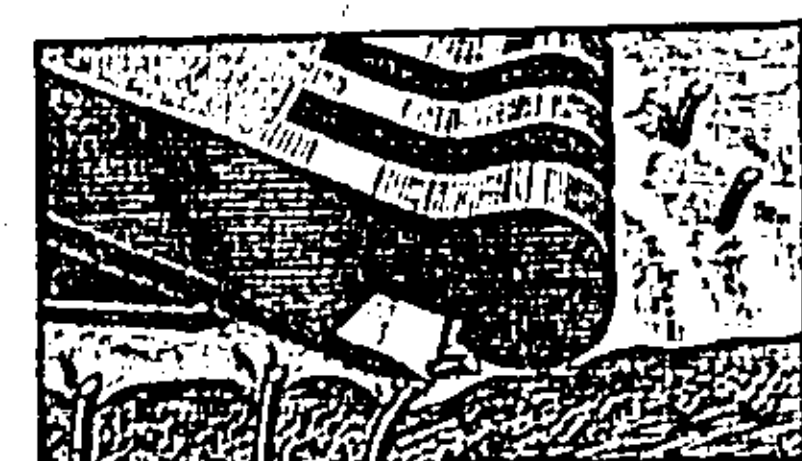
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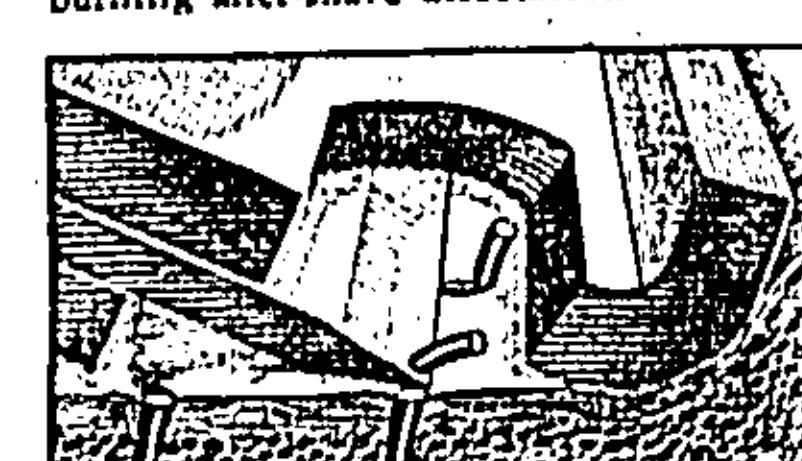
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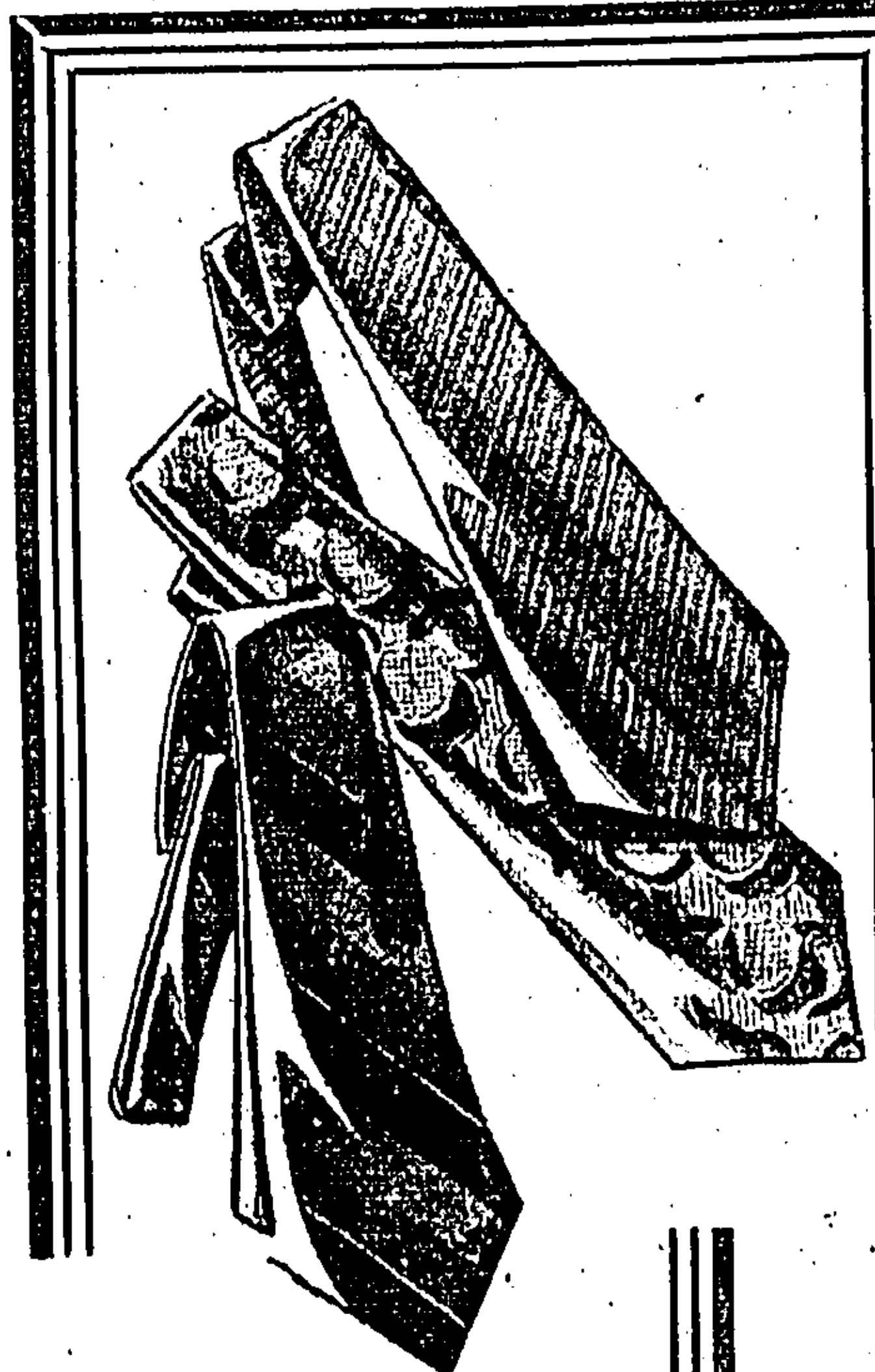
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THREE SPEECHES

During the last few days there has been an overflow of words from Messrs Matsuoka, Mussolini and Hitler. What they have said can do nothing to shake the belief of Britons in their cause and in Mr Churchill, their leader, but what they omitted to say confirms studied observations of weakness and vacillation in the enemy camp.

Hitler said nothing to force another Japanese declaration of policy against the democracies. Does he feel that he has pressed that fervent and worried nation too much already and that overzeal may cause her to withdraw from the collaboration which both sides have verbally embraced? It would seem so, especially since Germany still has not recognised Nanking, an act which would cut her off from Free China but would give the Japanese much more confidence in their support of the Axis. Russia too, escaped mention. Hitler and Stalin probably understand each other better than any two statesmen in power to-day despite the fact that they have never met. Between those two, acts alone count; words have been spilled too freely.

Hitler's confidence in his terror-striking devices to suppress resistance within his own orbit is shown by his admission of fanaticism, which the Oxford Dictionary defines as a state of being filled with excessive and mistaken enthusiasm. He boasts that he has discarded and persecuted reasonable people because he wants a nation filled with homely love of a common object, the Fatherland.

It would seem that the false hopes he implanted on his countrymen—that Britain would not fight, that the war would be over in a year, that Britain would be occupied, that Berlin would never be bombed—are coming home to Germans and that now, having committed them to the struggle, the Fuehrer is striving to carry them along with him blindly on his own inspiration backed by revelation that such a course is the only one left.

Mussolini did face the truth: Like Churchill he has promised his countrymen toil and sweat but unlike the British people, the Italians can see no reason for accepting this unpalatable diet. They can only see that they will not retain their pride and independence of race if Germany takes their place alongside the oppressed Czechs, Poles, Norwegians, Dutch and Danes in Nazi factories, not in the sullen role of slaves as yet, but as the humiliated and impoverished cousin consigned

Hongkong is to have another Black-out exercise, commencing this evening. The Black-out is becoming a subject of great controversy among the war experts. You know most of the arguments in its favour—so, here, one of its most distinguished opponents presents the case against it.

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THERE is a tendency in most of us to accept without question any environment, good or bad, to which we are accustomed.

In earlier days, for example, a shocking infant mortality or the hanging of human beings for sheep stealing was accepted without question until someone asked—Why?

In a period of four years before the war a road casualty list of 25,000 dead and 700,000 maimed was accepted with resignation, as though such wholesale slaughter in peace time was an inevitable adjunct of modern transport.

So to-day, when we are told that we are all "in the firing line," millions are crouching in an inky darkness that can almost be felt—and they are doing so without a thought of questioning why Hitler's crackers must be endured in Stygian gloom.

FOUR QUESTIONS

But if anyone will ask his neighbour, "What is the use of the black-out?" he will certainly get no satisfactory answer.

Does the black-out stop bombers finding London or the other big cities?—No.

Does it stop the bombs falling, or exploding?—No.

Does the gloom and stillness accentuate the din of the guns, the crunch of the bombs, the flashes and fire-reflection in the sky, and thus the nerve-racking effects?—Yes.

Does the dismal darkness impede salvage and rescue work, and the locating of time-bombs?—Yes.

In view of these four simple and sensible questions, and their inevitable answers as given, ought we not to ask ourselves, and the black-out champions in Whitehall, what purpose this dangerous and depressing black-out serves?

Last winter, when the air attack was in suspense, the attempt to represent the black-out as a safety measure for the civil population, for which it was originally designed, was abandoned.

Sir John Anderson, when faced with questions in Parliament, fell back on the plea that the black-out would

be a mental labour in the castle of her overlord.

Mr Matsuoka it appears, has made a blunder. He made an approach which was withdrawn before it could be grasped. He made a suggestion of mediation without inspiration, justification or sincerity. With Britain angered at the crass boasts of southward expansion on any cost, America plunged into defence by Tokyo's avowed intention of supporting Axis policies, Mr Matsuoka has little to show on the credit side of his short term.

Only another political "crisis" can affect a substantial change in Japan's direction and although Prince Konoye may stay at the helm, more by virtue of his silence than his sentiments, it would appear that the next move in Tokyo is more likely to be internal than external.

Is the Black-Out Any Use?

By Captain Bernard Acworth,
D.S.O., R.N.

prevent "aimed bombing" against military objectives such as railways.

But our own bomber pilots, over an even blacker Germany—if anything can be blacker than Britain!—reach blacked-out Berlin un-failingly and, by the light of their great parachute flares, bomb their military objectives unerringly.

EXPLODED!

Sir John Anderson's sole justification for the black-out, planned and organised by the Civil Service before the war, has thus been exploded by war experience.

Indeed, the reason recently given for continuing, and deepening, this monstrous gloom was that "the people" would not tolerate the re-lighting of our cities.

In other words, the Black-out officials, who do not include Mr Churchill—who said he was ordering the re-lighting of the streets—are trying to shift the responsibility from their own shoulders to those of the long-suffering public.

But if the wit of man can find no technical justification for this unnatural gloom, it takes little wit to detect technical reasons for abolishing it.

LIGHT v. DARK

The spirit of man shines in the light and wits in the dark, as anyone can see who watches the unbecoming, indeed the enthusiastic interest, of the man-in-the-street when bombers are overhead in day-light.

But, apart from this widely recognised fact, powerful artificial light, if cunningly used, is a shield against bombs, or gunfire, rather than a snare.

On several occasions our own bomber-pilots have broadcast that German searchlights impeded their operations more than the barrage—and anyone who, at sea, has been compelled to face a searchlight beam can readily believe that.

A high Air officer, with years experience of flying over lighted cities, as well as blacked-out ones, recently emphasised to me that the powerful flares with which our own pilots, like the Germans, illuminate their target areas are rendered more illuminating against the opaque background of the black-out.

Furthermore, in this blackness human-beings can do nothing but crouch and shrink.

With light at our command we could use it very effectively as camouflage, and great open spaces, such as the London parks, could be converted into traps for a large percentage of London's bombs.

WORK SLOWED

So much for the technical case against the black-out.

What of its consequences on our war effort?

Its effect on transport and communications is known to all of us.

Work in aircraft and other factories, and in business gener-

ally, is handicapped through the transport slow-up.

Shopkeepers, and particularly the small ones, are hard-hit, and many have been ruined.

Thousands who depend for their livelihood on providing innocent and necessary entertainment are in desperate straits.

In short, the black-out harms and hinders every business... except looting. The smash-and-grab man's smashing is now done for him, so he need only grab and disappear in the black-out.

Partly because of this, Bureaucracy is now actually threatening us with a curfew at 9 o'clock.

Before the arrival of the noisy bombers, silent road casualties due to the black-out were soaring. These, it is true, have decreased since the Luftwaffe cleared the streets, and for this life-saving activity we have to thank Hitler.

But the black-out was not invented to co-operate with Hitler in saving thousands of lives on the roads, and it would not be warded directed beams of our tolerated for a day longer if this cities' natural brightness!

was given as an excuse for its continuance.

It is now being claimed, and with some justice, that the impenetrable gloom is forcing us all back to a quiet life at home, or in tubes and basements, and that, in this respect, good is being extracted from evil.

But here again the black-out is performing a service—if it is a service!—which has nothing to do with the purposes for which it was invented.

The fact that the German black-out is richer and deeper than our own is sometimes cited as an argument for its retention, and its deepening, here.

BE NATURAL!

But why should Britain, copy Hitler?

Would it not be a portent of victory, and a gesture of contemptuous challenge, if, having sent the "non-belligerent" section of the populace into quiet and safety in the country, the rest of us who claim to be "in the firing line" showed our disdain for Goering's Luftwaffe by lighting up at least London?

And I do not mean lighting it up with a few anaemic street-lights.

I am talking about the heavenly-tolerated for a day longer if this cities' natural brightness!

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE...

WE MEET THE IRON DUKE

To-day's extract from the diary of a journalist-turned-soldier describes how he ceases to be a recruit and becomes a full-fledged soldier.

utes, I mean ten minutes. Be on time. In fact when I say ten minutes, I mean five minutes.

We are there in three minutes. The Lad from the Elephant and Castle says: "Nobody could call me a coward. But Sam-Majors makes me blood run cold."

"They're terrors," says Ginger.

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WE have passed out. We have been tried in the furnace, and found passable. Slick of hair, scoured of hand, tittivated like ballerinas, tricked up in our best battle-dress, we picked our dainty way over the damp grass to the grey square, and awaited the C.O.'s inspection.

We marched and wheeled left and right; sloped arms, trailed arms, secured arms, piled arms, presented arms, changed arms, and saluted.

We untied knots in our tongues and answered questions, feeling that the end had come and we were damned forever as dozy onfs.

The commanding officer's face was sad. His voice was thoughtful. His brow was dark. We trembled. We were without hope.

That was a terrible, timeless hour. The clock went mad.

Then: "I think they will do," said the C.O.

Our chests swelled: we would have sighed if we had dared.

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And now we have marched into camp. It is still a lousy son of a-bus.

A ginger sergeant, enormously tall, is glowering at us from under the peak of a soft cap, as if we represent the sum total of all he has ever hated the sight of.

At his order we slope arms. He says three words: "Tut, tut, tut," and calls upon his MISS!

We turn right. He names a Biblical character, and raises his eyes to heaven.

"The sergeant-major," he says, "is going to have a word with you. Be outside the office in ten minutes. When I say ten min-

At this point a dreadful silence falls upon the face of the earth. Against the black opening of the office appears a grim figure, the sight of which strikes us dumb. It is the man they call the Iron Duke, the Company Sergeant-Major.

Rough weather and the strain of perpetual shouting have coloured his face cyclamen-red. His brasses gleam like eyes: his eyes gleam like brasses.

He has the unmistakable air of the Sergeant-Major: the man who knows exactly what is what.

He looks at us as if he would eat us—if only he didn't dislike the look of us—and speaks.

"If you're in any kind of trouble," he says, "come to me. We'll see what we can do to help."

"Now you're going to start some real training. Right. Do your best. That's all we ask."

"Work hard and behave yourselves, and nobody'll interfere with you. Pity up, and you'll get tread on."

"Nobody's going to lead you about like sheep here. Every man will read the Detail in the morning, and look after himself."

"Every man will go about cleanly and properly dressed. After duties, you may go out. Every man will keep within bounds and behave like a gentleman."

"I should be sorry to see any man in my Company who didn't give his seat in a bus to a lady or an old person, or who didn't help an old person or a lady on a bus."

"Remember, you're soldiers now and are expected to behave as such. Be courteous. Muck in and help one another."

"Now go and make yourselves at home. And remember, always—if there's anything you want advice about, don't sit and mope, but come straight to me."

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The Lad from the Elephant blinks twice and mutters: "E seems to be almost 'uman'."

The Kid from Widnes, sticking his name-plate on the drab wall over his bed, says: "Somebody lend me a tag?"

We are at home again.

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Around The Courses

Standardised Clubs And Amateur Status In America

Ball Furthest From Hole Must Be Played First

(By "Birdie")

THERE WAS AN ARTICLE of interest in the "S. C. M. Post" on Thursday last dealing with American initiative in standardising clubs. The article went on further to deal with a definition of the amateur status in that country.

It seems pretty well indicated that this latter is the outcome of the furore there was over the position of Jim Ferrier, the great Australian amateur, who was banned from taking part in the U. S. Amateur on the grounds that he was a professional because he wrote for certain newspapers.

At the annual meeting of the U.S.G.A. they approved golf coaching as a part time vocation for amateur golfers, provided they were full-time members of college faculties and such work only constituted a minor part of their duties.

In re-drafting their code, the U.S.G.A. re-emphasized their ban on those who received compensation for instruction, whether oral or written, by demonstration or by pictures, to groups or individuals.

Meaning, of course, that their decision against Ferrier was being upheld.

SPORTS ADVT.

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Third Day — Monday, 24th February
Fourth Day — Tuesday, 25th February
Fifth Day — Saturday, 1st March
On Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th February, the first race will be run at 11.00 a.m. and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of timing will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21020).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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Timings will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

O. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.

United States. But I wouldn't say that they take the game more seriously, except that when they wish to become good they go about it with a concentration that to most people would constitute a headache.

The 14-clubs rule and the six-inch stymie came from "over there." They have elaborated on the stymie to include a ball which is six inches from the hole (not yet adopted by the R. and A.), and now they move to standardise clubs—and balls.

The 14-clubs rule was leading up to this, for one of their contentions was that with the various and numerous clubs that are at present available to golfers, the game was rapidly becoming one of merely judgment of distance and selection of club. The old finesse that was needed when one's bag only included about seven or eight clubs is disappearing.

It is, in fact, possible to all one's bag (to the caddy's disgust) with more clubs than could possibly be used in one round. Pitching irons, blasting irons, No. 4 woods, etc., and has anyone seen that mongrel with a handle of about six inches in length? There is a club for almost any situation.

It does seem superfluous to have more than the regulation irons Nos. 1 to 9, three woods and a putter. This makes 13 and leaves an allowance for one more. If one cannot play golf with all these—

It was pointed out to me the other day that there appears to be a misconception of Rule 7, which is "The Ball Farther From The Hole Played First."

It is generally accepted that when one is on the green, one does not play any further strokes until one's opponent, too, reaches the green.

The Rule reads:

"When balls are in play, the ball farther from the hole shall be played first."



Competition For Canadian Forces At Home

LONDON, Jan. — Arrangements have now been completed for an Association football competition for the Canadian forces in this country. Some 84 teams have entered, 40 from the first division, 17 from the second division, and 20 from the third division. These have been divided into six groups and eliminating matches are now in progress to decide the teams to join in the competition proper.

The final in March will decide the Canadian Active Service Forces championship.

first. Through the green (that is, anywhere but on the green) or in a hazard if a player play when his opponent should have played, the opponent may at once recall the stroke, and the ball shall be dropped to the place from which the previous stroke was played."

"When balls are equidistant from the hole the option of playing shall be decided by lot."

Now there are some greens whereon the hole is placed far on one side—sometimes within two yards of the edge of the green. A player, therefore, may lie in the rough but within three yards of the hole while his opponent on the far side of the green may be over three yards away.

It seems, therefore, that the player whose ball is on the green should be the one to play first, that is, putt before his opponent chips.

Irene Pereira (Wildcats) clouting her timely double in the last stanza of their match against the Wahoes—the two-bagger that paved the way for the all-important run. Jackie Anderson catching, with Doc Molthen umpiring.—Ming Yuen.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

Senior And Junior Titles

ENTRIES for the Senior, Junior and Mixed Doubles Badminton Championships of the Colony have proved most satisfactory. These competitions are scheduled to commence next month.

Ten are in for the Senior title, nine pairs for the Senior doubles title, twenty-one for the Junior singles title, fifteen pairs for Junior doubles title, and eleven pairs for the Mixed Doubles title.

Patrick Wong, triple champion for 1940, is in the top half of the singles draw, and should meet P. K. Hooi in the semi-finals. In the lower half, K. W. Choy, University's latest recruit, and by some favoured for this year's honours, should meet C. Au in the semi-finals.

These are matches that should be worth the watching, and whatever the outcome, an excellent final is assured.

Doubles

Wong and Au, the doubles champions, are in the upper division of the doubles draw, but have several redoubtable pairs to overcome if they hope to repeat last year's triumph. K. W. Choy and K. B. Low are in the same bracket, while in the lower portion, P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew, another University pair, voice another challenge.

In the large fields of both the singles and doubles of the Junior competitions, there can be much speculation. But for equally strong pairings, one must turn to the Mixed Doubles, for there are no less than six teams capable of taking the title.

This latter competition throughout promises spirited and skilful play.

The draw resulted as follows:

Men's Senior Singles
First round.—S. Ampleman v. P. K. Hooi; C. Au v. H. F. Chew.
Byes into second round.—F. Koh; W. Gillies v. K. W. Choy.

Men's Senior Doubles
Byes into second round.—P. H. Wong and C. Au v. H. F. Chew and N. L. Sird; T. H. Teoh v. P. K. Hooi and K. B. Low v. J. J. Remedios and H. F. Chew.

Bye into second round.—S. Ampleman and C. K. Cheah v. M. P. and Y. P. K. Young; C. Y. Yung and S. Koh v. P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew.

Men's Junior Singles
Byes into second round.—H. S. Jones v. P. C. Leung; J. Odell v. M. Talmi; A. L. Fisher.

First round.—R. M. Laville v. Peter Lo; J. L. Anderson v. Ho Weng-loh; Jack Hooi v. F. Zimmermann; P. A. Yvanovich v. H. Dingdale; T. S. Young v. J. Tang.

Byes into second round.—N. L. Smith v. P. Wynter-Blyth; E. Gillespie v. A. L. Gordon; D. Chelliah v. W. C. Chung.

First round.—F. Kwok and D. Kwok v. C. F. Chiu and S. C. Ling; J. L. Anderson v. W. Gillies v. H. F. Ho and A. C. Cheung; R. M. Laville and N. A. Heltraw v. M. Talmi and J. Odell; P. A. Yvanovich and O. Ribeiro v. J. C. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth; C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v. Jack Hooi and T. H. Teoh; P. C. Leung and K. A. Chiu v. E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho; T. S. Young and M. K. Fung v. D. Chelliah and K. H. Khoo.

Byes into second round.—Peter Lo and J. Tang.

Mixed Doubles
Byes into second round.—P. K. Hooi and Ulan Khoo v. J. J. Remedios and Mrs. O. Silva.

First round.—D. Kwok and Mrs. M. Silva v. M. A. Oliveira and Mrs. M. Silva; E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong v. C. C. Fisher and Miss D. Eardley; E. Zimmermann and Mrs. E. Zimmermann v. P. H. Wong and Miss O. Ribeiro.

Byes into second round.—J. Odell and Miss J. Choo; S. Ampleman and Miss T. Goncalves v. K. W. Choy and Mrs. A. Castro.

Cardinals' Brilliant Finale

PAVING THE WAY TO VICTORY

Wildcats Triumph 4-3 Over Wahoes: Mohawks Nose Out Chinese

(By "Ball Fan")

OLD MAN WEATHER once more switched on his damp sign as the Kowloon stadium presented a slippery diamond to a five game softball card, over the weekend, featuring the star-studded Wildcats in a 4-3 last inning snatch-win over the greenshirtsed Wahoes.

Dixie Walker's redbird Cardinals wrote a brilliant finale to their official league ending, blazing through in a glorified manner to clip Revere's dandies 19-5. Chung Hwa Maroons made a quick get away from "behind the eight ball sign" as they cut through with a 24-13 win over the Little Flower browns.

The marauding Mohawks eked out a close 8-7 victory over Abe Liu's Chinese Baseballers after a terrific eight inning struggle, while the Canadian Chinese ball tossers hit the well-known lost from the spectacular Indians. Revere's rough riders forfeited their encounter to Omar's Cyclones, having no substitutes after Eddie Gosano dislocated his shoulder sliding back to second in the 3rd inning.

Brilliant Win

THE red-legged Cardinals took a brilliant 19-5 win, from Mike's roving Rees to wind up their season's campaign in starlight style. Greatly strengthened with the return of first string hind snatcher Rosita Bagalawis, the redbirds went to work with a vengeance, winning the old ball game in the first two stanzas with an eight run blast.

Hurler Effie Babbida made certain of a new Cardinal contract next season by staging a whirlwind attack at the platter, hammering out a Ruthian smash and two driving triples.

Rodriguez, Rec third sacker, garnered the only extra base clout for the losers, slashing out a sizzling double in the 5th frame.

Thrilling Climax

WORKING Terry Noronha for a free trip and advancing to third on Irene Pereira's timely double, Virginia Chiu, petite Wildcat center-fielder crossed the pan on Jackie Anderson's error in the last stanza of the climax tally to give the star-studded felons a close 4-3 triumph over Fan Lee's Wahoes.

Rival mound-aces, Thelma Colloca and Terry Noronha hurled steady ball, each team being limited to six blows.

Yvonne Yolie, Wahoo initial baseman, made three hits in four trips to the plate, while Irene Castanho fielded stoutest ball for the losers, proving a tower of strength on the weak Wahoo infield.

Out Of Cellar

ELLA CHINN'S popular Chung Hwa Maroons made Sunday Feb. 23, 1941, a red letter day in the annals of Chung Hwa club history by coming through with a stupendous, yet colossal effort, in whipping the Little Flower browns 24-13.

Doormat of the girls loop since the start of the league schedule, the Maroons snapped out of a 12-game losing streak, sailing into L. Rosario's offerings for thirteen clean bingles.

Frances "Zaza" Lee, making this game her big, supreme effort of the season, led the Chinese lassies in their run-making session, tearing across the platter, with five markers and connecting for a rousing triple and two gliding singles.

Only 32 miscues were chalked up in this so-called "comedy of errors"; the Chinese cutles marking off two less than J. Fonseca's browns.

Tenth Victory

NAZARIN'S spectacular Indians took their 10th victory of the year, sending the cellar-dwelling Canadian Chinese out with another loss 8-1.

The Indians clinched the issue in the 1st stanza as Kitchell, Nazarin, Baby Abbas and Savage Hassan crossed the plate with four runs on two bingles and an error.

The weak willow-wielding Canucks could not solve the offerings of hurler Kassa Nazarin, and were held to four lonely blows. Savage Hassan's mighty homer to right field and Baby Abbas' atting triple in the 1st frame were the longest hits of the fray.

Considered Lucky

THE marauding Mohawks kept in pace with the leading teams in the senior loop championship fight by edging through with a lucky win over Abe Liu's Chinese Baseballers 8-7 in an extra inning fracas.

Going into their half of the 7th, down two runs, the Troquois braves tied up the count as the powerhouse duo of Lou Leight and Pete Fitch sallied across the plate.

The Tribe rode home with the winning run in the 8th as Ernie Hoarther drove out a slugging double to centre, bringing in Pete Fitch who had advanced all the

Sunday's Stars

Betty Clarke and Effie Babbida, Cardinals—Betty tore across the old platter with four runs to lead the redbird scoring attack; latter drove in six runs with a homer and two triples besides limiting the Rees to seven scattered hits.

Virginia Chiu and Cynthia Motin, Wildcats—Former came home with winning tally in the 7th frame to clinch the issue; latter's sizzling throws to second had the Wahoo runners stopped cold.

Frances "Zaza" Lee and Fungie Law, Chung Hwa Maroons—Former crossed the plate with five runs and connected for three solid blows in her first big effort of the season; Fungie hurled her best game of the year, holding the browns to seven mealy hits.

Savage Hassan and Tarzan Kitchell, Indians—The spectacular "savage" slashed out a round-tripper and single to lead the Indian attack; Kitchell, latter came back to play steady ball after receiving a shiner in the 4th frame.

Joe Morris and Cy Jones, Mohawks—Despite an injured leg, Joe crashed out a fireball double and single; latter scored two runs and limited the Chinese Clubbers to three bingles.

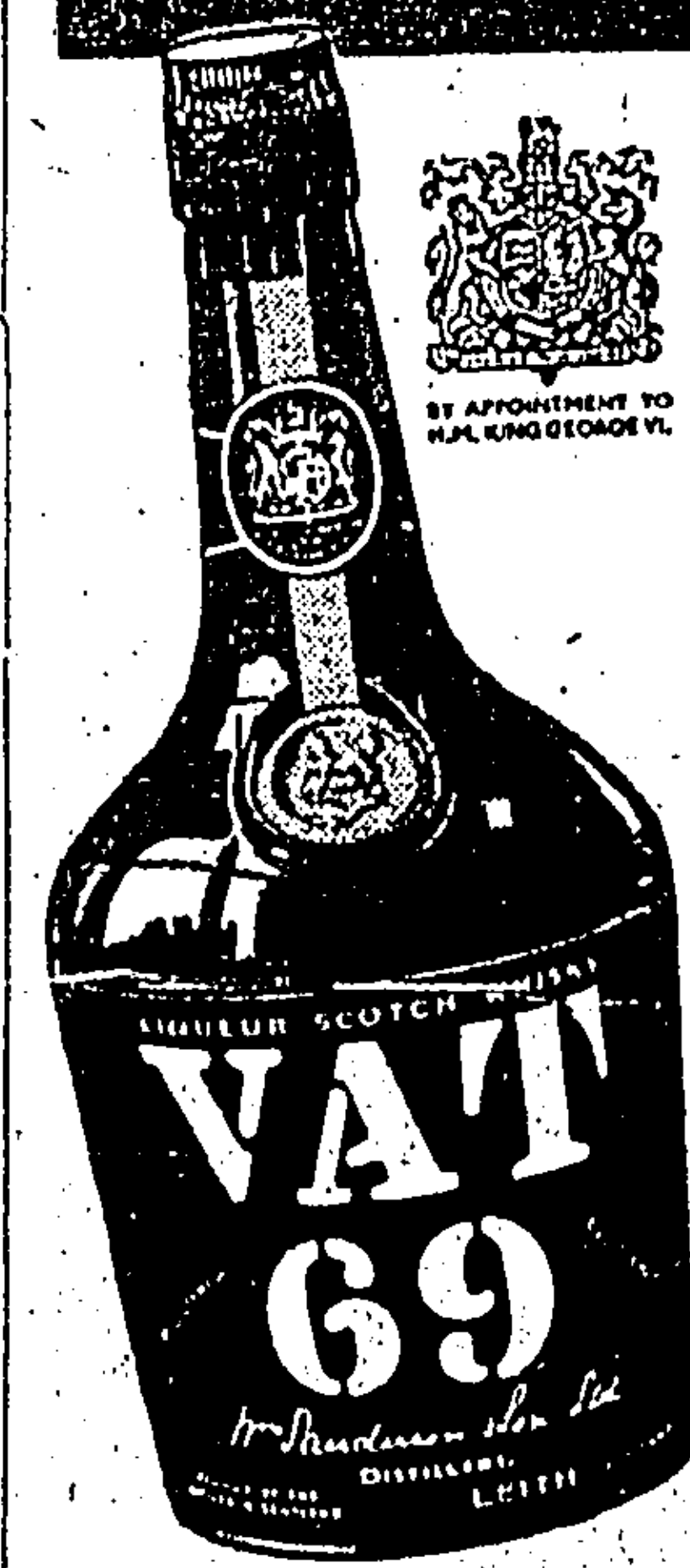
way to third when Willie Wilson muffed his high fly.

Den Cray, on the hillcock for the Chinese, fanned eight Waggonermen but issued seven free passes. Joe Morris, fiery Tribe catcher playing with an injured foot, connected for two flaming blows to lead the winners hitting attack.

Inter-Hong

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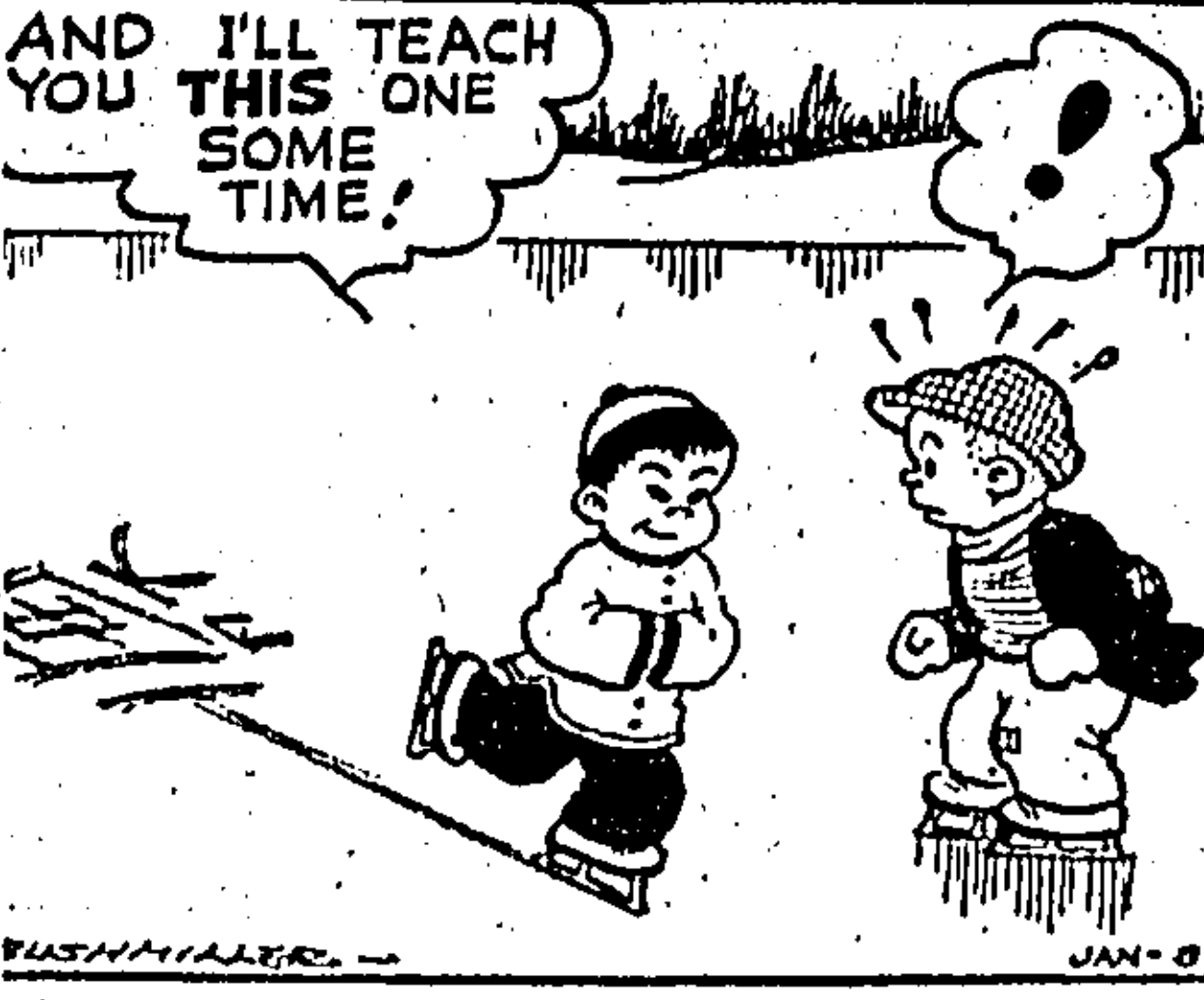
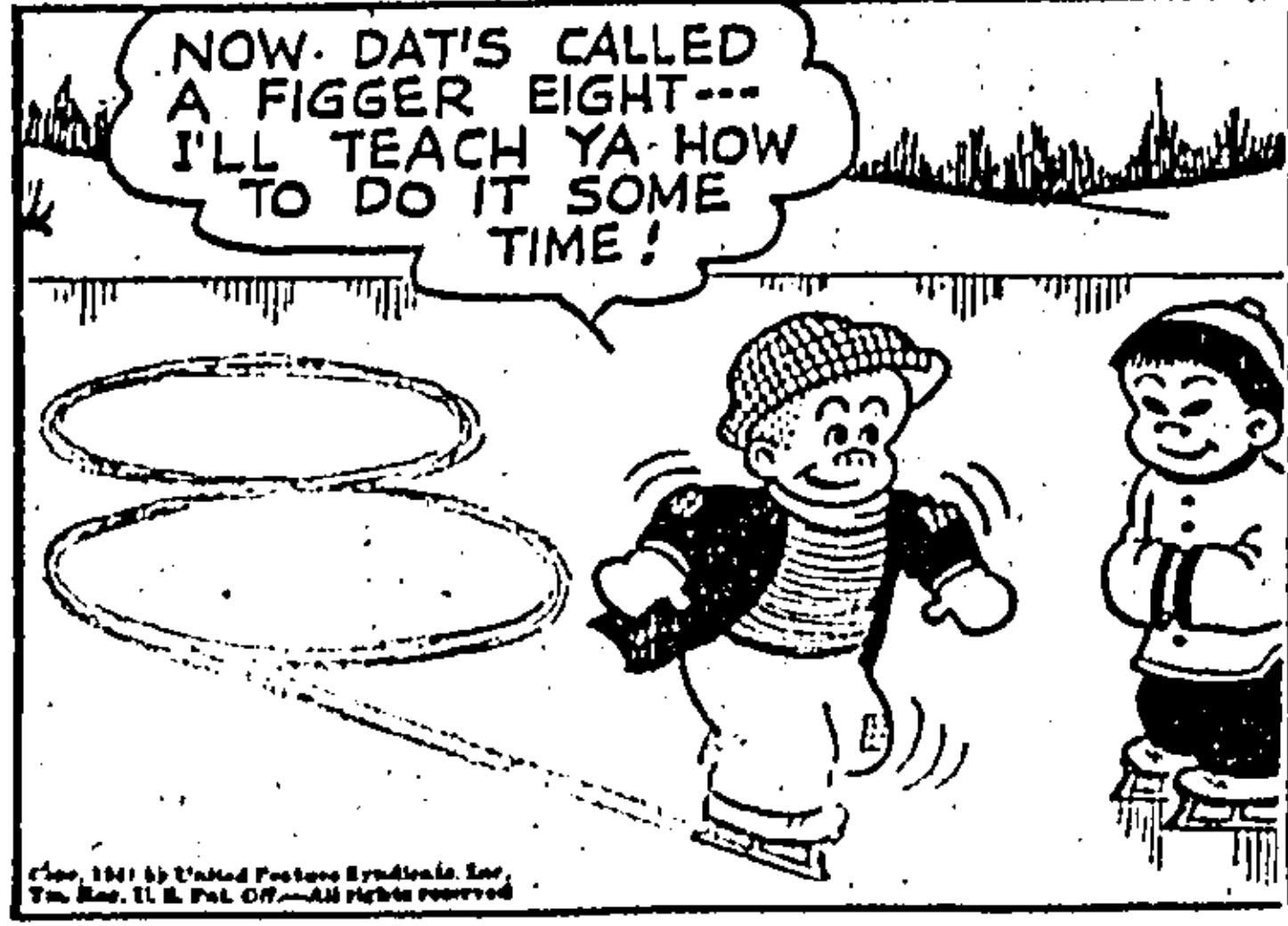
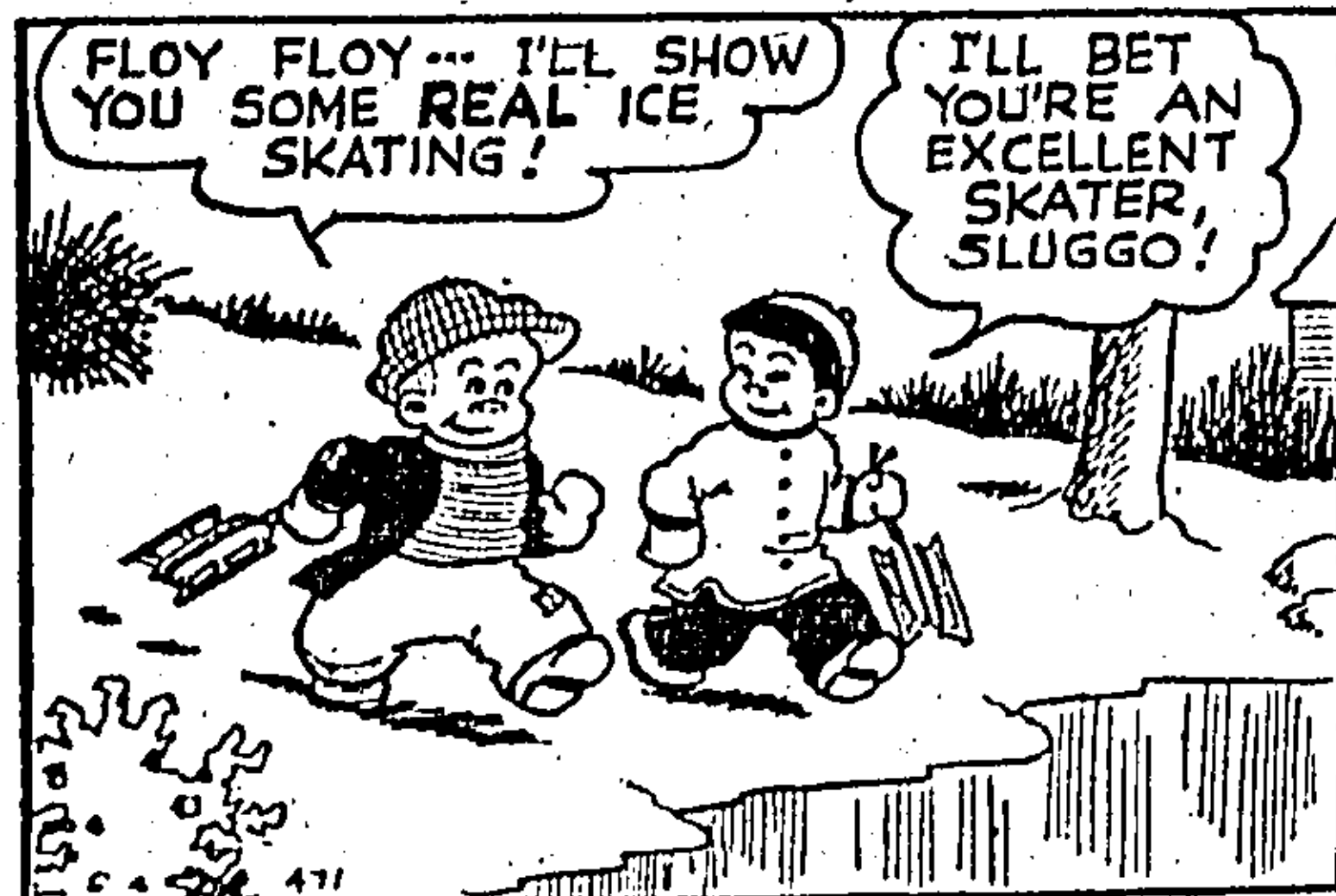
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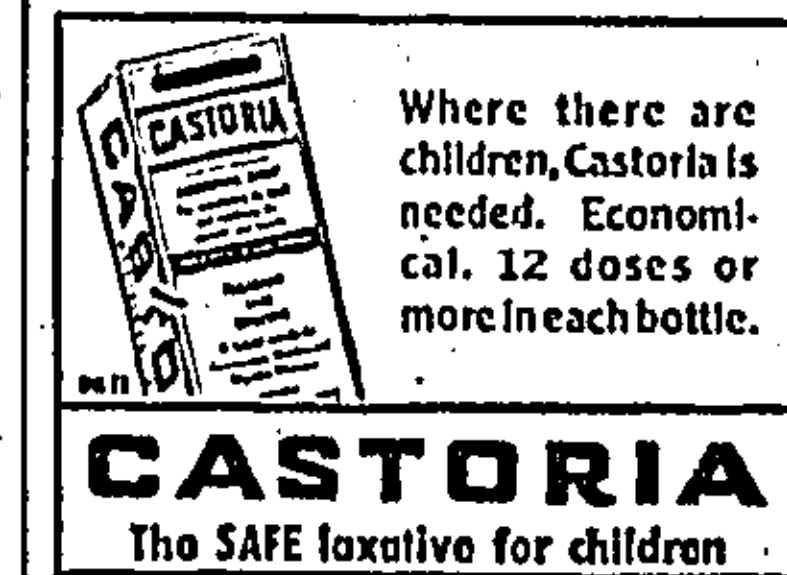


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GALLANT APPRENTICE ON SHIP

Blazing Tanker Brought Home

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—A young ship's apprentice, who suddenly found himself second in command aboard an oil tanker left blazing by a German raider and who played a prominent part in navigating the ship safely to port without books, instruments, charts or compasses, has been awarded the British Empire medal.

The apprentice, John Lewis Jones, was aboard the tanker, San Demetrio, which formed part of the convoy for which the auxiliary cruiser, Jervis Bay, sacrificed herself last November. The tanker was hit and abandoned, but after a night of heavy gale, 10 members of the crew, including Jones, reboarded their ship although she was still burning furiously.

Gas-Filled Room
Jones took part in the hard fight that ensued to subdue the flames and then volunteered to enter the gas-filled pump room in order to re-start the machinery.

The official account declares that this young apprentice showed spirit, courage and resourcefulness throughout and proved an admirable second in command.

Advance In Eritrea Continues

CAIRO, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—British Imperial troops in Eritrea are continuing their advance south of Cubeb where, in an action on February 23, 400 prisoners and three guns were captured.

A British G.I.Q. communique also reports the successful development of operations in Italian Somaliland forward of the Juba River.

On other fronts, no change is reported.

Acrodrome Bombed

CAIRO, Feb. 25 (UP).—R.A.F. bombers attacked the acrodrome at Addis Ababa on Monday, doing considerable damage to the acrodrome and buildings. The R.A.F. also attacked the fuel dumps at Nefasi, east of Asmara.

Monster Raffle

The wide interest created in the Monster Raffle which is to be held in aid of the War Fund inaugurated by the "South China Morning Post" and "The Hongkong Telegraph", is indicated by applications for tickets from the Outposts and Manila.

The tickets will be placed on sale at various centres, through Messrs. Linstead & Davis, on Saturday, 1st March.

Pope's View Of Current War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
VATICAN CITY, Feb. 25 (UP).—Giving audience to a group of priests, the Pope said that the current war had resulted in a disaster of God. "The people need to know God and the tremendous current of events has been almost the nemesis of their disregard for God and a test with which God wants to recall humanity to the faith. Christ is too little known and loved." His Holiness declared.

Italian East Africa Falling Steadily Before British Arms

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

KHARTOUM, Feb. 25.—With the tentacles of the British force thrusting like an octopus ever deeper into the heart of Abyssinia, it appears that the tempo of this campaign is likely to increase as the Duke of Aosta's forces find themselves imperilled at one point after another.

Thrusts into Abyssinia are now being made at more than 12 different points simultaneously from north, south and west while growing numbers of Abyssinians, hearing news of the Emperor's installation in his own territory, are rallying to the patriot forces and Italian regulars are themselves increasingly deserting as the result of intensive British attacks, coupled with appeals made by means of pamphlets, loud-speakers, etc.

The intensity of our effective pamphlet campaign can be judged by the fact that in a recent period of four weeks, 750,000 pamphlets have been distributed in Abyssinia and Eritrea.

The Italians have abandoned the threat to shoot men found carrying British pamphlets as impracticable and have instituted periodical "search" parties. A whole battalion was lined up and searched for pamphlets but many prisoners we have taken were found still carrying our pamphlets in their pockets.

The force of the British thrust has been materially strengthened in recent days by provision of well-organised supply lines, bringing through the mountainous country such necessities as ammunition, medical supplies and food.

Growing Air Strength

There is also the growing strength of our air force. The technique of surrounding and cutting off Italian forces, already so successful in Libya, is being applied at a number of points besides Keren, though the difficult nature of the country hampers the swift employment of mechanised forces at several points.

In many cases, enveloping movements are being carried out by the infantry clambering through rugged mountains and destroying roads and bridges and attacking the Italians from the rear.

Apart from retreating outposts, the main body of Italians so far as any line can be said to exist appears to run approximately from Keren, where the cream of the white forces is being employed in an attempt to hold "outposts" at all "costs," southwards to Lake Tana and then to Debra Marros and Addis Ababa.

S.P.C. WORK REVIEWED

Flag Day Success

At the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, it was reported that the sum of \$4,234, was collected on the Flag Day organised by the Women's Auxiliary. The Society is grateful to the public for this encouraging response.

New cases treated at the Society's centres during January were 225, involving 308 children, while the total number of cases under supervision for the same month totalled 1072.

A very successful party for poor children was held in the Majestic Theatre on January 25, at which over 100 were entertained and given small gifts. The Society is most grateful to the management of the theatre and to the Friesland Trading Co., The Wing On Co., Ltd and The On Lok Yuen Co. The Society's inspectors did excellent work in assisting in the organisation.

Blind Girl Exploited

The poignant case of a blind girl of 13 years of age, who had been cruelly exploited as a street beggar for some months, was reported. The Committee decided to place the child in the Italian Convent where she will be cared for and receive suitable instruction.

The cases of three boys, whose fathers are dead, were also considered. "The ages of the boys range from 11 to 13 years, and it was agreed that the matter should be referred to the St. Louis Industrial School for entry, if possible, into that institution in order that the boys may be taught a trade.

South Honan Skirmishes Leave Indecisive Fronts

CHUNGKING, Feb. 24 (Central News).—After the Chinese recapture of Paomaling, north of Changtaikwan, the Japanese in south Honan missed reinforcements and made an unsuccessful counter-attack on February 21.

Chinese troops on February 21 smashed into the Japanese positions south of Mienyang, a strategic town between the Han and Yangtze Rivers in Hupoh. Several vantage points, including Hulupai, Hsiehjenkow, Wuchichang, and Siao-shakow were recovered.

In south Hupoh about 1,000 Japanese troops at Tungshan equipped with four field pieces, pushed toward Chengshan, Huangchiatsien and Hengching, on February 19. In the face of stiff Chinese resistance they failed to make any headway.

Reinforcements

On February 20 with the arrival of large reinforcements they forced an entry into Chengshan by the east gate and Sinsu. However, before they could establish a firm foothold, the Chinese counter-attacked. With their flanks and rear exposed to intense fire the Japanese beat a retreat to Tungshan and Nanlinchiao the following morning. Both Chengshan and Sinsu returned to Chinese control.

While fighting was going on at Tungshan, Chinese troops attacked the Japanese at Shihpissu, Tieluchung, Weichialing, and Chingshan, in south Hupoh. Japanese defence works at Shihpissu were destroyed and about 200 Japanese soldiers were slain. Four Japanese army lorries in the outskirts of Tungcheng were demolished by Chinese artillery fire.

Fighting Around Tamshui

SHIUKWAN, Feb. 25 (Central News).—Chinese troops repulsed the Japanese at Pomaio near Tamshui on Monday morning. In the afternoon with the aid of reinforcements the Japanese made a counter-attack. They were enticed by the Chinese to Wongsha where they were subjected to encircling attacks.

U.S. Exports Restriction Again Extended

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The export system has been extended under a proclamation issued to-day by President Roosevelt to beryllium, graphite, electrodes and aircraft.

The order becomes effective immediately. A similar proclamation to become effective on March 10 will apply to belladonna, atrophine, sole leather and bellini.

Vital Defence Links

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Senate Naval Affairs Committee has approved the authorization of credit amounting to \$242,373,500 for improvements on the islands of Guam and Samoa.

The naval spokesman, Admiral Morrell, declared that these and other improvements to a number of bases leased from Britain were "absolutely vital to the defence of the United States."

Shai Chinese Message To Winston Churchill

SHANGHAI, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—A message is to be sent to Mr. Winston Churchill, expressing the admiration of the Chinese people for his leadership and voicing hopes of final victory, by the Chinese-language daily, "Chinese American Daily News."

Hundreds of Chinese sympathisers to the British cause are responding to the newspaper's appeal for signatures to the message which states: "The Chinese people, under the national leadership of General Chiang Kai-shek, will not lay down their arms until they have beaten Japan to her knees."

'EGGS & BACON' LOSE THE "S" Rationing in U.K.

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Britain's Food Controller, Lord Woolton, has come down with a heavy hand on people eating in hotels and restaurants where the food they get is additional to that allowed them under the national rationing.

From March 10, a restaurant meal may only contain one of the following dishes—fish, meat, poultry, game, eggs or cheese. No mixture of poultry and meat or poultry and bacon will be permissible.

The celebrated English "Egg and Bacon" may still go together but only one egg per meal will be permitted. Both the caterer and customer are liable to fine or imprisonment for a breach of the new order. The order may be varied for patients in hospitals and nursing homes.

RAID ON MALTA COSTS ENEMY TWO PLANES

MALTA, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—R.A.F. fighters shot down two German Dornier planes into the sea to-day when Malta had raid warnings.

A third German plane is believed to have been brought down. According to an official communique, alerts were caused by enemy reconnaissance and fighter patrols. No bombs were dropped.

LEND & LEASE Amendment Discussed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt declined to discuss in detail the proposed amendments to the Lend and Lease Bill and only stated that he had discussed the main proposed amendment with Congress leaders this morning.

The President added, however, that it was obvious that any amendment designed to change the policy of the Government or the request of the Government to give Britain all aid short of war was undesirable.

No Secret Debate

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Asked in the House of Commons to accord a secret debate on the bases leased to the United States, Mr. Churchill, the Lord Privy Seal, gave an unequivocal "No" and added that Mr. Churchill had no intention of acceding to such a request—a statement which was received with cheers.

Planter Killed In Flying Accident

The death is reported of Mr. H. F. Silwell, of St. Leonard's Estate, Port Dickson, as a result of a flying accident near Kuala Lumpur early this month.

Mr. Silwell was a member of the Kuala Lumpur Flying Club and a keen flyer. The machine crashed five miles outside Kuala Lumpur town.

SHIPPING LOSSES

British Give Lie To Hitler

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The claim of the German High Command that a German raider had sunk 14 ships totalling about 82,000 tons in a convoy is disposed of by an Admiralty announcement, that merchant shipping losses for the week ending February 16 were 12 ships in all, representing a gross tonnage of 37,030 tons, of which 11 were British of 32,460 tons, and one Allied of 5,172 tons.

These losses include five vessels—four British and one Allied—totalling 23,980 tons, known to have been sunk by the raider which attacked the convoy off the Azores on February 17.

The German claim for this week totalled 185,000 tons of merchant shipping sunk.

It is stated that there is nothing resembling the truth in Hitler's claim to have sunk 215,000 tons of shipping in the last few days.

Nazi Planes Shot Down

R.A.F. In Action Over French Coast

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—While carrying out an offensive between Calais and Dunkirk one squadron of Spitfires shot down three Messerschmitt 109s and damaged another. They saw a formation of Messerschmitts at about 6,000 feet and immediately attacked. One of the pilots reported that the enemy dispersed right away and general dog fights broke out at various heights.

Earlier Report

Two enemy aircraft were destroyed and several others damaged during an offensive sweep over the Channel this afternoon by Coastal Command aircraft escorted by fighters.

One British fighter is missing, according to the official announcement.

Shipping off the French coast was attacked.

Indians In Indo-China Restricted

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Orders valued at approximately £261,000,000 were placed by the Indian Council of State Supply Department between September 1, 1939 and January 1, 1941, it was announced in the Council.

At question time a Government spokesman said that remittances from Indo-China to India are not being allowed by the Government of Indo-China. The Council will ascertain the exact position in the matter of remittances and will take steps to remove any difficulties that might exist.

Regarding the general position of Indians, the spokesman said that no special representations were received suggesting the necessity for issue of special instructions to the British Consul at Saigon.

FREIGHT RATES INCREASED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (UP).—It is learned that the Far East Conference has voted to raise outward freight rates on a long, general cargo list, by approximately 25 per cent. effective on April 1.

Previously, the homebound tariffs from the Orient were increased by 25 per cent. Other long distance rates were also increased including West Africa, and northbound from the east coast of South America.

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